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HOW MINISTRY-LEVEL ALLOCATIONS COMPARE (in ₹ crore)

MINISTRY	BE FY21	Actual Exp FY21*	RE FY21	BE FY22	Per cent
Housing & Urban Affairs	50,039.9	28,104.62	46,791	54,581	9.07% ▲
Health & Family Welfare	67,111.8	59,117.11	82,928.3	73,932	10.16% ▲
Education (HRD)	99,311.52	58,558.1	85,089	93,224	6.13% ▼
Railways	72,215.63	42,828.51	1,11,233.63	1,10,055	53.39% ▲
Road Transport & Highways	91,823.22	72,380.97	1,01,823.22	1,18,101	28.62% ▼
Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare	1,42,762.35	97,640.6	1,24,520.4	1,31,531.2	7.87% ▼
Rural Development	1,22,398.43	1,57,298.81	1,98,628.7	1,33,690	8.45% ▲
Home Affairs	1,67,250.33	1,49,388.11	1,06,534.4	1,66,546.94	0.42% ▼
Consumer Affairs, Food, & PDS	1,24,535.43	1,51,195.6	4,50,686.63	2,56,948	106.32% ▲
Defence	4,71,378	3,38,634.4	4,84,736	4,78,196	1.45% ▲

*Actual Exp FY21: Up to Dec 2020

MAJOR SCHEMES (in ₹ crore)

SCHEME	BE FY21	RE FY21	BE FY22	Per cent
MGNREGA	61,500	1,11,500	73,000	18.7% ▲
PM Kisan	75,000	65,000	65,000	13.33% ▼
National Education Mission	39,161	28,244	34,300	12.4% ▼
National Health Mission	34,115	35,554	37,130	8.8% ▲
Jal Jeevan Mission	11,500	11,000	50,011	335% ▲
AMRUT & Smart Cities	13,750	9,850	13,750	0%

Source: Budget document

Higher allocation to health and rural jobs programme, while universal water supply scheme has seen a five-fold jump. But outlay cut down for Modi's flagship PM-Kisan scheme

AMIT BANDRE

UNION BUDGET 2021-22 DECODED

2,314.84

The stockmarkets gave a big thumbs up to the Budget with the BSE Sensex rallying over 2,000 points to close at 48,600.61 on Monday

MEGA BUDGET SPEND ON ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE ● POLL-BOUND STATES GET MAMMOTH SHARE BUT OTHERS LEFT OUT ● TWEAKS IN EXCISE AND CUSTOMS DUTIES ● DOOR WIDE OPEN FOR FOREIGN INSURANCE FIRMS

Low fuel, full throttle

DISINVESTMENT

TARGET
₹1.75 Lakh cr

ON THE CARDS

Stake sale in public sector companies and financial institutions, including 2 PSU banks and one insurance company

Govt wants to divest public-sector companies in non-strategic sectors

UP FOR SALE

- IDBI Bank
- BPCL
- Shipping Corp
- Container Corporation
- Neelachal Ispat Nigam

LIC IPO

Govt plans legislative amendments for LIC IPO in 2021-22

NITI Aayog to prepare next list of central public sector companies that can be divested

SUNITHA NATTI

THERE are no good finance ministers, only lucky ones. Unarguably, Nirmala Sitharaman has been the unluckiest.

After "boring and disappointing" budgets, she has boned up on the task and delivered a sensible, growth-oriented budget prioritising investments over fiscal consolidation, a stable tax regime, and spring-cleaning stressed assets and government's books.

The Covid pandemic toppled the arithmetic alchemy in FY21, where expenses and debt rose and income fell. Fiscal deficit will breach past 9.5% largely due to the food subsidy bill, for which government cut a ₹1.5 lakh crore cheque. With this, the UPA-era off-budget financing gets a quiet burial, the nation's balance sheet reflects reality and the government wins investors' trust for transparency and deficit realism.

In FY22, expenditure at ₹34.83 lakh crore is barely ₹33,000 crore over FY21 — the lowest ever increase in decades. But what sets this budget apart is the quality of expenditure. As Sitharaman tried balancing between thrift and spendthrift, revenue expenditure is tipped for the chop, while capex will jump 34% at ₹5.54 lakh crore — just what's needed for job creation and growth recovery.

Fiscal deficit will reduce to 6.8% of GDP from 9.5% in FY21, not because tax revenue will be back to its best behaviour, but because of expenditure rationalisation from 17.7% to 15.6% of GDP. Perhaps, the FM hopes in private, that revenue collections will be better than projections.

Among sectors, healthcare will get rolls of crisp currency notes aggregating ₹2.38 lakh crore, but since this includes water and sanitation allocations, Sitharaman's sincere efforts couldn't win either the expert or the ordinary.

FY21 fiscal deficit pegged at 9.5%

The Centre on Monday pegged the fiscal deficit for FY21 at 9.5%, higher than what analysts have predicted as it increased spending, sidestepping the concerns over the impact on the sovereign rating by taking fiscal expansionary stance | P13

Agriculture credit has been raised to ₹16.5 lakh crore and so are allocations for defence – somewhat marginal despite the China threat – education and others. However, there was a marked absence of targeted support for distressed housholds, who for now must survive largely on love. And as if poking on the ribs, interest earned on annual PF contribution exceeding ₹2.5 lakh is taxable from April. Once taxation begins, it only goes upwards.

Additionally, a farm cess on a few items aims to raise ₹30,000 crore, or 0.1% of GDP. As for banks, there's a sniper in the woods (bad loans) so government will set up a bad bank at last.

Infrastructure got more than one gold vein to pump the heart of the economy. The proposed Development Financial Institution is a good egg though investing in Indian infra has historically been considered risky. The asset monetisation drive will see almost everything that's saleable at PSUs hanging a for-sale sign. They can rake in the dough only if buyers don't jockey for bargains.

Perhaps FY22 will be a year of privatisation starting with two state-run banks and an insurer. We already have a few jilted brides in LIC, BPCL and Air India and disinvestment proceeds have always been the bridesmaid. So, strategic sale of PSUs will rest not on government's willingness but its resolve to amend laws.

In all, the Budget's spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak with Sitharaman playing schwäbische Hausfrau — southern Germany's pragmatic Swabian housewife — to guard the nation's finances. The FM should have used the decade's first budget setting a definitive agenda for the future and not just the next 12 months. India will be the world's fastest growing economy. At this moment, we've only got one chance and Sitharaman could have displayed a seat-of-the-pants ability to regain our rightful place in the sun.

TAX PROPOSALS

While the FM did not change the income tax rates or slabs, a slew of other measures were taken to ease the burden on taxpayers

Senior citizens aged **75 years** and above having only pension and interest income exempt from filing ITRs. Their bank will deduct the necessary tax on their income

Additional tax deduction of **₹1.5 lakh** on interest paid on loan taken to buy affordable home extended till Mar 31, 2022

'Faceless' dispute resolution committee for small tax payers with taxable income of up to **₹50 lakh** This means the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal will also go faceless and all procedures will be carried out electronically

Time limit for reopening of income tax assessment cases reduced from six to three years; for serious tax fraud cases, where concealment of income is **₹50 lakh** or more, it would be 10 years

Threshold for tax audit increased from ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore for those transacting **95%** digitally

Pre-filling of returns will also cover capital gains from listed securities, dividend income, etc

Dividend payment to Real Estate Investment Trusts / Infra Investment Trusts exempt from TDS

#AatmanirbharBharatKaBudget is a Budget for farmers and agriculture sector economy... Credit availability will improve, APMC apparatus will be strengthened

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Forget putting cash in the hands of people, Modi govt plans to hand over India's assets to his crony capitalist friends

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

This is a budget to deceive the masses. It's anti-farmer, anti-people and anti-country budget

Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM

Our demand was to hike price of crops, not agri credit. They didn't talk about MSP. There is nothing in it for farmers

Rakesh Tikait, BKU leader

DISINCENTIVE

Political hot potato EPF now taxable

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

HIDDEN in the fine print of the budget is a shocker for salaried people – interest on employees contribution to provident fund beyond ₹2.5 lakh a year or a tad more than ₹20,000 a month will no longer be tax free.

Most people prefer to save through contributions to the Employees Provident Fund Organisation as this was EEE or Exempt, Exempt, Exempt, a system where the money one saves is exempt of taxes at all three stages — when saved, when interest is accumulated on it and when withdrawn.

"It is proposed to restrict tax exemption for the interest income earned on the employees' contribution to various provident funds to the annual contribution of ₹2.5 lakh. This restriction shall be applicable only for the contribution made on or after April 1, 2021," the budget document said.

Some 12% of an employee's basic salary and performance wages is deducted as provident fund, while the employer contributes another 12%. It means anyone who earns more than ₹20.83 lakh a year will see his or her interest on EPF contribution being taxed.

"This means the EPF is no longer an EEE scheme but a ETE or exempt when putting in, taxed when earning an income and exempt when withdrawing scheme," said Sudhakar Sethuraman, partner, Deloitte India. "We have also to see the impact of the new labour code, which some calculate may result in at least 66% of the total remuneration being turned into basic salary," he added.

New agriculture cess could leave states much poorer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE FM on Monday imposed agricultural infrastructure cess on a host of commodities from petrol to alcohol to gold and silver. While it won't raise costs for the consumer as central excise and customs duties will be cut in tandem, the tweaks mean less money for states from the central coffers.

States get no share of central cesses such as those on education, road and infrastructure. While the exact amount of money which the states will lose out is yet to be worked out, officials say some ₹30,000 crore will come from the new cess. This year, the total income from central excise and customs duty stood at ₹4.73 lakh crore.

To absorb the new Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) of ₹2.5 a litre on petroleum, the Centre has cut the basic excise duty on petrol from ₹2.98 to ₹1.4 and from ₹4.83 to ₹1.8 a litre for diesel.

A similar adjustment has been made for alcoholic beverages that currently attract 150% basic customs duty. It has been cut to 50% to soak in 100% AIDC. While the tippler will continue to pay the same price, states will lose out on revenues. Among products affected by AIDC are gold and silver (2.5%), crude palm oil (17.5%), apples (35%), and cotton (5%).

READY TO DELIVER

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with her team before leaving the finance ministry for Parliament to present the Budget, in New Delhi on Monday | SHEKHAR YADAV

CENTRAL FUNDING FOR METRO BIGGEST GAIN FOR KARNATAKA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA's biggest takeaway from the Union Budget was in the form of urban mobility. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday announced Central counterpart funding for Bengaluru Metro Phase 2 (A) and 2 (B) projects. The 58.19 km stretch from Central Silk Board junction to KR Puram and KR Puram to Kempegowda International Airport is estimated to cost ₹14,788 crore, of which the Union Government's direct funding is about 15 per cent.

Karnataka will also stand to gain from the Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway under flagship projects schemes. The 278-km expressway's construction will begin in 2021-22, as per the budget document.

Apart from these, the State did not receive any direct big-ticket projects. But allocation to R&D, health, agriculture, education, urban area sanitation, extension of tax holiday to startups, capital gain exemptions, and incentivising innovation and one-person companies, etc is expected to trickle down as a boost to the economy. While opposition leaders criticised the budget for handing Karnataka a raw deal, BJP leaders, including CM B S Yediyurappa, hailed it as a pro-poor and pro-middle class budget. Many, including ministers, insisted that ₹14,778 crore was allocated for Bengaluru Metro, but a closer look suggests otherwise. The FM only announced Central counterpart funding of the total project cost of ₹14,778 crore. The Centre funds 15 per cent of the cost, 35 is raised from multilateral and bilateral development agencies through the Union Government, 35 per cent is funded by the State Government and the remaining 15 per cent is raised from the private sector.

"The announcement of ORR-Airport Metro is a big support for public transport and economic activities in Bengaluru. Next two steps for formal approval are consideration and recommendation by the Public Investment Board and approval by the CCEA. MoHUA is working to get these two steps completed within March 2021," said Ajay Seth, MD, BMRCL. P2,3,4

TRACK REPORT

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State stands to gain from the 278-km Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway, whose construction will begin this fiscal

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MYANMAR
COUP, SUU KYI DETAINED

Myanmar's military staged a coup on Monday and detained many politicians, including Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi. The military blamed it on the government for not acting on claims of fraud in November's elections in which Suu Kyi's party won a majority in Parliament | P12

Delhi barricaded, crackdown on Twitter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE crackdown following the Republic Day violence here continued on Monday with the police installing spikes on the road at one of the farmer protest sites, erecting cement walls, barricading arterial roads and even temporarily getting Twitter to suspend 250 accounts.

The government also extended the ban on internet services at Singhu, Ghazipur and Tikri borders till Tuesday night. There will be no internet in adjoining areas either.

The suspension, which came into effect on January 29, was to be in place till 11 pm on January 31. The government said this is done for "public safety".

At the Singhu border, workers under police supervision were seen hooking iron rods between rows of cement barriers on a flank of the highway to restrict the movement of farmers.

Another portion of the highway at the Delhi-Haryana border was blocked by a newly-built cement wall. Farmers put up a brave front and said these barricades would not "cage" their spirit.

On the government's request, Twitter blocked about 250 accounts for a few hours for "fake, intimidatory and provocative tweets." The request to suspend the accounts, sources said, was made to prevent the "escalation of law and order (situation) in view of the ongoing farmer agitation". P7

Nails fixed on the road at Ghazipur to stop farmers from crossing border | PARVEEN NEGI

SUSPENSIONS REVOKED

Twitter restored most of the accounts by late evening. Among those whose accounts that were suspended were Kisan Ekta Morcha (@Kisanektamorcha) and BKU Ekta Urgahan (@Bkuektaugrahan), both having thousands of followers

EXPRESS READ

Ruling on journo's bail plea today

New Delhi: A Delhi court will pass the order on Tuesday on the bail plea of freelance journalist Mandeep Punia arrested by the Delhi Police from the Singhu border protest site where farmers are agitating against the three contentious agri laws. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Satvir Singh Lamba reserved the order for Tuesday after hearing arguments from both sides

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'We suffered a lot, deserved much more in Budget'

AVIATION

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THE absence of any major announcement for the aviation industry in the Union budget has put off professionals. As the industry faced huge losses and lay-offs due to the pandemic, they were expecting a couple of major steps to resuscitate the sector.

The budget has offered tax exemption for aircraft lease rentals, tax holiday for capital gains for aircraft leasing companies, and monetisation of Airport Authority of India Assets in Tier-II and Tier-III cities.

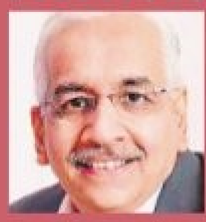
Bringing the Aviation Turbine Fuel under the GST structure and a cut in excise duty, were among the key demands that were made earlier but have not been touched upon in the Budget.

Rohit Tomar, Managing Director of India's first Aviation Data Consulting Firm, Caladrius Aero, told TNIE, "The aviation industry suffered the most due to Covid-19 pandemic, after the hotel industry. I am startled, to say the least, that there has been no major announcement for this sector. The Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) industry expected a lot due to the whole thrust on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', but nothing happened."

Aviation expert Captain Mohan Ranganathan said the tax exemption on rentals does not make sense in the present situation. "The whole world is downsizing. In the Indian airline industry, 90% of aircraft is leased from foreign companies with payment made in dollars. Offering an incentive to lease more aircraft might not help the industry as a whole. Probably, Indigo or Spicejet stand to gain from it," he said.

Airlines would not make profit by focussing on the domestic sector. "Operating them and the load factor was what they are presently concentrating on," he added.

REACTIONS



The best thing in the Budget was the mention of rental housing for migrants and the urban poor. This is crucial and important as they should stay near their workplace. The rest of the mentions of rail, transport and buses, are not new

V Ravichandar, Civic expert

Those above 75 years with only pension income or interest income, do not have to file ITR. This is the only provision for the elderly in the Budget. The Ministry has several schemes, including welfare of the elderly. However, the fund allocation for the elderly is yet to be known

Dr Radha Murthy, managing trustee, Nightingale's Medical Trust

Amid a sharp improvement in property purchases after the rollout of Covid vaccine, the move to extend benefit of additional ₹1.5 lakh tax deduction on home loan interest, until March 31, 2022, will act as a further impetus to the residential property sector

Dhruv Agarwala, Group CEO, Housing.com, Makaan.com and Proptiger.com

Customs duty on TBMs to boost local manufacturing

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE 7% customs duty announced on Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) is likely to boost the manufacture of these giant-sized machines across India. At present, India imports TBMs from China and European countries.

These machines are used in underground tunnelling work in India by Metro Rail, Railways, National Highways and the Central Public Works Department. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board is expected to use them too in the future.

An expert (requesting anonymity) said that there were only a couple of players manufacturing these machines in India. "Each costs around Rs 80 crore. When you compare with a country like China which produces them in bulk, has huge manufacturing facilities and no major taxes levied on manufacturers, companies in India are having a massive disadvantage," he said.

In the case of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited, it brought 6 TBMs for its First Phase from European countries. For the second phase, it is using 9 TBMs — six from China and three being manufactured by German firms within India for the Underground Corridor between Nagawara and Gottigere. "Levying such a duty on them would jack up the cost for contractors to bring them in from outside. This will result in a massive push to local manufacturing," he pointed out.

In the case of a machine which costs ₹80 crore and is imported from abroad, the customs duty would be around ₹5.6 crore, the expert said.

"Often the difference in bid amount between the first bidder and the second bidder in some Metro stretches for different contracts pertaining to the underground stretch would only be ₹6 to ₹7 crore. So, this move is bound to make a big difference," he added.

At present, anyone who manufactures TBMs within India, needs to pay the GST too and this also deters those planning to enter the business, the expert said.

There will be no immediate impact on costs for BMRCL as the TBMs required for Phase-II have already entered the country.

A file picture of tunnel boring machine Avni

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Expert

Metro Airport line may be cleared by March: BMRCL

Deadline for crucial project June 2025, says Managing Director

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNION Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri recently announced that his department had given its in-principle approval for Bengaluru Metro's Airport Line project and the final approval was expected shortly, however the Union Budget went a step ahead and gave an assurance that it would contribute its share for the 58.19-km project, which is estimated to cost ₹14,788 crore.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd Managing Director Ajay Seth on Monday for the first time gave a specific deadline for the green signal to be given to this line: March this year.

The Phase-2A Line (Central Silk Board to K R Puram) and Phase-2B Line (K R Puram to Kempegowda International Airport) were added to Metro's 72.3 km Phase-II project after massive public demand. Though Phase-II has been approved, these added lines still await approval from the Centre though the State has given its nod.

During the launch of the first line of Metro Phase-II virtually, Puri had stated that it was with the Public Investment Board for clearance. Seth said after the Board approves it, the next step will be an approval from the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. "The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is working to get these two steps completed within March 2021," he said.

Referring to the announcement, he said, "The support from the Government of India for building this sustainable mobility infrastructure will help the city in realising its economic potential. This line will help the IT & BT sector. In particular, it will improve multimodal mobility integration and act as catalyst for mobility-oriented development." The Airport line has a June 2025 deadline, he added.

While 50 per cent of the project cost would be borne by State government and Public-Private Partnership, the Centre would bear another 50% inclusive of loans from multilaterl and bilateral development agencies.

A senior Metro official said that there is no question of the Centre not okaying these lines and it is only a matter of time.

Work for Shivajinagar Metro Station under way in Bengaluru on Monday. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced an allocation of ₹14,788 crore for Phase II of the Metro project | SHRIRAM BN

Almost 90 per cent of the land acquisition work has been completed, the tenders for Phase-2A have been called for and will be finalised after the green signal from the Centre

Metro official

GLIMPSE OF VISION 2024

Indigenous system to improve safety of rail passengers

RAILWAYS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AN indigenously developed automatic train protection system to boost passenger safety is a key aspect of the Union budget, but officials were unable to speak on any projects. A senior railway official told *TNIE*, "Until the Pink Book (details of projects and amount sanctioned) is released, we are not in a position to say anything. Let us wait to see what has been sanctioned for projects."

Electrification of Indian Railways by 2023 is a key announcement. Chief PRO and Deputy General Manager E Vijaya told *TNIE*, "The National Rail Plan is set to become the template of planning for future development. The capacity to create ahead of demand by 2030 will cater to growth in demand till 2050," she said.

Vision 2024 would help accelerate implementation of critical projects by 2024 with clear timelines. "In South Western Railway, many doubling and electrification works are identified for expeditious execution," she added.

An individual familiar with Vision 2024 plans specified the projects and deadlines: Doubling & Electrification: Daund-Gulbarga — March 2021; Doubling projects: Penukonda-Dharmavaram — Oct 2024; Gooty-Dharmavaram — March 2022; Hospet-Vasco— March 2023; Yelahanka-Penukonda — June 2021.

New Line Projects: Gadag-Wadi — June 2025; Rayadurg-Tumukuru — Dec 2025; Munirabad (Ginigera)-Raichur-Mahabubnagar — Sept 2024.

Urban transport expert Sanjeev Dyammanavar said, "The Minister again missed revising Suburban Rail fares. The last revision was in December 2013. This is badly affecting revenue."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

02nd February : The Sun's planetary aspects only add to the formal, conservative mood of the times. Let me tell you what one of my old books has to say about one current pattern: abrupt, outspoken, narrow-minded, austere, shrewd, hard-headed, careful, reliable and thrifty. Extravagant, rash and impulsive individuals could come seriously unstuck!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The general character of the day is somewhat reflective. Your first reaction might be to say whatever you want as soon as the words come into your mind, but you will distinguish yourself from the common herd by thinking first and speaking later. If you're hoping to get your own way you may therefore have to bide your time.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Do yourself a big favour and accept all intriguing social invitations. This is one of those times when any odd meeting is likely to change your life. The trouble is you don't know how, or when, this will happen, so keep an eye open for those odd significant encounters.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may consider exactly which of your long-term ambitions are worth pursuing and which are not. If you're contemplating some major initiative at work, especially something a little out of the ordinary, then you're rapidly approaching your last chance. Next time round circumstances will be slightly different.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You may be very anxious indeed to avoid any sort of fuss, but the choice may no longer be yours. The crucial factor still seems to be what you can and can't afford, so don't over-commit yourself. And then there's the little matter of a private fantasy, and whether you can pay to put it into practice.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Dreams of wealth and fortune may be in the air. It's doubtful whether you can take any personal action to boost your income, but it is open to you to ask for help and seek all the expert advice you require. The most effective assistance, by the way, could come from friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You may listen very carefully indeed to what other people are saying, not necessarily to the facts, but to the underlying meaning. Also, you may now give a higher priority to business or work than to fun - even your pleasures must be properly organised.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The general mood today is rather pleasant, and you may therefore have a nicely relaxed time. The only indications of burdensome responsibilities are connected with either children or creative activities. A spontaneous gesture could encourage a welcome response from friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
A number of planets lurking in private regions of your chart indicate that your motivations are deep and intense. You may therefore be very averse to any attempt by authority to control your behaviour. But you, for your part, have to exercise proper control over your own affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The progressive improvements in one particular relationship have come about because you are finally paying attention to all those little things. At work, you can decide whether you want to give up altogether or get things back on track. Perhaps a pause for thought would be helpful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The poetry is coming out of your soul, so if you have feelings to declare, now is the time. Also, if you're attending any interviews or important meetings, you should concentrate on creating the right image. Appearances are not everything of course, but they do count.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your romantic hopes can be best pursued by spending a little money, and potential targets should respond well to tokens of your love. The general rule will be the more extravagant the better. After all, if you want someone to know how you feel about them, there's little point in holding back!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
According to an old and thoroughly enigmatic saying, 'a lawful kiss is never worth a stolen one'. What you need in your love-life now is a touch of mystery - and a dash of spice. The people who come into your life could arouse whole new areas of your imagination.

THE PHANTOM

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"I HATE THE WAY CYBER MONDAY HAS TAKEN ALL THE EXCITEMENT AND JOY FROM BLACK FRIDAY."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"NICE MOVE, DAD. I TRY TO HELP OUT TOO, WHEN I'M IN THE 'DOGHOUSE' WITH MOM."

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

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EVIL

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

■ Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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5	3	6	2	9	8	1	4	7
9	2	7	1	4	3	8	6	5

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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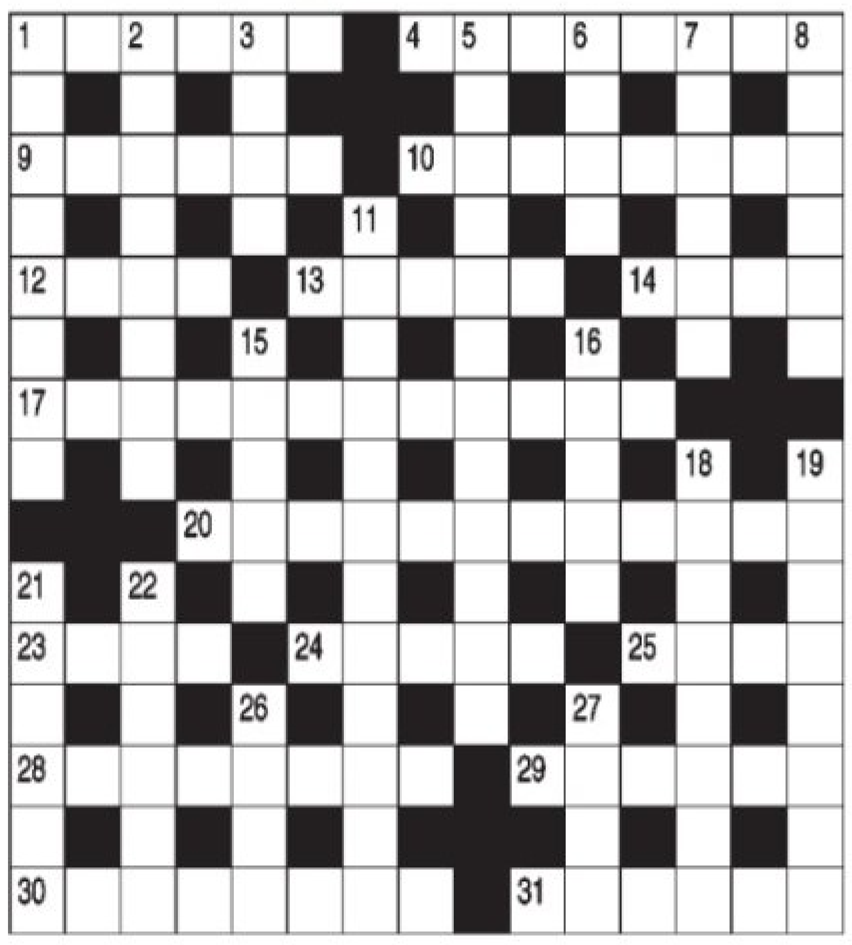
Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CLOTH LEAKY SPEEDY LOUNGE
Answer: Elvis Presley's 1957 hit song had some people — ALL SHOOK UP

CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Be there at the start and finish (6)
4 Switch positions from time to time (3,3,2)
9 Pull everything in that's fat (6)
10 Private escort that is arranged (8)
12 Natural reaction of garages running out of gas (4)
13 Throw away a fight (5)
14 Every atlas, I assume, will include it (4)
17 Plough frames make capital investments (12)
20 What the knight does when his coach comes in? (5,2,5)
23 Workman in stone (4)
24 The tree by the way is elder (5)
25 Offshore spot I stole away to (4)
28 Hustling around in the daytime (8)
29 Let hope be unconfined for the moon goddess (6)
30 People may have to put up with her (8)
31 Sent us out at the end of the day (6)

DOWN
1 A star of the printed word (8)
2 Reg entangled with metal wire? (8)
3 Refusal to start on time (4)
5 Bound, but also not bound, to be unreliable (4,3,5)
6 Payment before mountain ascent (4)
7 Union leader caught in women's clothing gets imprisonment (6)
8 Drink specially made for the Olympics (6)
11 Performed with a high degree of skill (12)
15 It's rolled up for the opening (5)
16 Be under professional examination (5)
18 He's smart to order pets (8)
19 One of the following (8)
21 Endlessly ask the advice of a government official (6)
22 A girl came in to study the weapon (6)
26 Final deposition indicates resolve (4)
27 You used to be grand (4)

• YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Wives, 4 Dictate, 8 Tar, 9 Paperclip, 10 Adamant, 11 Limey, 13 Evince, 15 Stated, 18 Piece, 19 Flights, 21 Soup plate, 23 One, 24 Retinue, 25 Laden.

Down: 1 Wattage, 2 Versatile, 3 Sepia, 4 Depots, 5 Corslet, 6 Awl, 7 Empty, 12 Matchwood, 14 Cheapen, 16 Discern, 17 Aflame, 18 Poser, 20 Ideal, 22 Ult.

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UNION BUDGET 2021-22

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ON A HIGH NOTE

Outlay for health sector increases by 137% with ₹2,23,846 crore in 2021-22 against ₹ 94,452 crore in 2020-21

₹35,000 crore for Covid-19 vaccination in 2021-22

₹364,180 crore over six years for PM AatmaNirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana – a new scheme to be launched, in addition to NHM

Mission Poshan 2.0 to be launched to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcome

Made-in-India pneumococcal vaccine to be rolled out across the country, from present five states

Expansion of the Integrated Health Information Portal to all States/UTs to connect all public health labs

Thumbs-up to pneumococcal vaccine rollout across India

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A health worker gets vaccinated with Covishield at Dasappa Hospital | SHRIRAM BN

BACK in 2016, the Union Health Ministry introduced the pneumococcal vaccine in five states — Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar — in order to reduce child mortality. Presenting the Union Budget on Monday, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that this vaccine will be rolled out across the country. Health experts have said this is a step in the right direction, especially during the pandemic times.

The pneumococcal vaccine protects against serious and potentially fatal pneumococcal infections. It's also known as the pneumonia vaccine. Pneumococcal infections are caused by the bacterium Streptococcus pneumoniae and can lead to pneumonia, septicaemia (a kind of blood poisoning) and meningitis. It was introduced in India with increased evidence of high morbidity and mortality in children under five years of age due to pneumonia.

Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, HOD and Consultant - Pulmonology and Lung Transplant Physician Manipal Hospitals, Old Airport Road, said the mortality due to pneumonia accounts for around 27% of all deaths due to communicable diseases every year in India. "Patients suffering from airway diseases like Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and patients in an immuno-compromised status are particularly vulnerable to pneumococcal infection."

He said, " The pneumococcal vaccine comes in two variants – Prevenar 13 and Pneumovax 23. These vaccines provide protection against 13 and 23 strains of pneumonia respectively. While most people who contract pneumonia are able to mount an adequate immune response and fight the infection, the aforementioned groups are particularly vulnerable due to their suppressed immunity. Hence, it becomes important that these risk groups receive the pneumococcal vaccine at the earliest. We welcome the move of making this vital vaccination available to all the citizens of India."

Dr Suri Raju V, CEO, Regal Hospital, said, "In the time of Covid-19 pandemic, the health advisers to the government have rightly decided to roll out the pneumococcal vaccine to the entire country. The reason being, this vaccine is for life --- if citizens younger than 2 years old are given four shots and those aged 65 or above two shots."

He said, "If we look at Covid-19, it affects the lungs and many of them get pneumonia. Now, this vaccine, along with the Covid-19 shot, will make a great difference in the health system."

The govt's focus on setting up Health Emergency Centres, Urban Wellness Centres and integrating public health labs will go a long way towards ensuring better healthcare

Dr Somesh Mittal, MD & CEO, Vikram Hospital

This Union Budget has given a road map to boost the efforts already initiated to take the agenda of nutrition in a mission mode

Dr Sujeet Ranjan, Executive Director, The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security

GOOD SHOW, BUT NOT ENOUGH: DOCS

India needs comprehensive Universal Health Coverage, but no mention in Budget, say experts

HEALTH

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UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman allocated Rs 2,23,846 crore in the Budget for health and wellbeing which is an increase of 137 per cent as compared to last year. Though this has brought cheer to the health sector, some experts said that the budget could have done more.

Dr B S Ajaikumar, Executive Chairman, HCG, said, "India is in dire need of Universal Healthcare Coverage (UHC), which was not well articulated in the finance minister's budget today. It is good that we are spending Rs 35,000 crore on the Covid vaccine. The overall spending should have been more because we started from a very low base post-Covid. The government spending only 1.5 per cent of the GDP on healthcare is insufficient. While it is good to focus on preventive healthcare and wellness clinics, the government's intention on cooperating with the private sector is still unclear. A levy similar to education cess could have been created in healthcare to bring uniformity through UHC. Overall, I am glad to see some spends directed towards healthcare, but it is not substantial, especially considering that we are battling the effects of Covid."

Dr Jagadish Hiremath, Medical Director, Ace Multi-Speciality Hospital, pointed out that the budget should have allowed for a monitoring committee. "We need a process where allocated funds are utilised optimally. The budget should have allocated funds for the creation of monitoring committees involving people of high integrity from different walks of life. We also missed integrating medical technology at all the healthcare centres and improved tele and video consultation for people at remote locations."

Dr Shafiq A M, Co-founder and CEO, Specialist Hospital, pointed out that overall, it is an impactful budget, but it lacked any specific announcements for private hospitals and healthcare centres that were under duress during the peak of Covid outbreak.

"Rs 35,000 crore earmarked for the Covid-19 vaccine will lay the foundation for economic revival as a healthy workforce is the foundation for a healthy economy," he said.

REACTIONS

A significant 137% of the allocation at Rs 2.2 lakh crore in 2021-22, is unprecedented. Overall, a very positive budget and healthcare has been given the importance it deserves. I would give it a score of 8/10. However, the proof of the pudding is in eating it, and a lot depends on the implementation of the measures announced

Dr Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman, Manipal Hospitals

India's efforts in managing the pandemic have been exemplary. The allocation of Rs 35,000 crore for Covid-19 vaccines and more, if required, makes our nation stand tall as a model for the world

Dr Prathap C Reddy, Chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group

Experts: Be transparent on vaccine deaths

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WITH 11 healthcare and frontline workers dying after the administration of Covishield vaccine in different parts of the country, which were attributed to cardiovascular issues or brain stroke by respective states, experts from Karnataka and across the country have sought thorough probes by the Union Health Ministry into these deaths. The experts sent a letter to the ministry on Sunday.

The deaths occurred in Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gurugram, Odisha and Rajasthan between January 16 and 30. In some cases, the deaths occurred just a few hours after the vaccination, while others within five days. The deceased were in the age group of 42-56, while one was 23 years old.

The experts said that though officials have not attributed the deaths to the vaccines, reports from district, state and national AEFI (Adverse Events Following Immunisation) committees have not been made public.

Dr T Jacob John, retired professor and Head, Department of Clinical Virology, Christian Medical College, Vellore, one of the signatories of the letter, said, "It is a bit odd to have such a cluster of deaths in a short time after the vaccination. Even if the deaths are unrelated to the vaccine, it is still time-related. Therefore, it is the moral responsibility of the agency rolling out the vaccine to be fair to the families who died and for the public who have a hesitancy to take the vaccine by providing all the investigative details. All the details regarding the investigation of the case, like who is supervising, coordinating, and the results, should be provided. Silence will only add to problems. As the vaccines in India are not licensed and are being given on emergency-use authorisation, each death has to be explained thoroughly with transparency and completeness."

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NO:JDSWD/S-2/Outsource Man Power Tender/CR-/2020-21 Dated: 30/01/2021

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1	Tender Reference No. and date	No./JDSWD/Man Power/Outsource Tender/CR- /2020-21, Date: 30/ 01/2021
2	Amount put to Tender	**Rs. 2,01,94,600/-**
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4	Last date & Time for submission of Tender	Date: 01/03/2021 Time. 17.30 P.M
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6	Date & Time of opening of Technical bid	Dated: 05/ 03/2021 Time: 11.30 AM Zilla Panchayat Office, Dharwad (Subject to change)
7	Date,Time & Place of opening of Financial Bid	Dated: 09/ 03/2021 Time: 11.30 AM Zilla Panchayat Office, Dharwad (Subject to change)
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IN THE COURT OF THE XVIII ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE
C.Misc. No. 162/2020

BETWEEN: SMT PADMA .D.K, W/o late Doddaiah, age 41 years, R/at No.233, 2nd B Cross, 3rd Main, R.G. Nagara, Bangalore-560058 ...PETTITIONER
The Registrar of Births & Death, BBMP, Corporation Circle, Bangalore-560001 ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Petitioners have filed above petition for issue Death Certificate of **LATE DODDAIAH S/o SANJEEVAIAH was died on 19.01.2014** to direct the respondent to issue Death Certificate. The petition will come before the court at 11.00 A.M. on 09.02.2021. Therefore, you are directed to appear before court on the said date and time with reply/ objection, if any person interested the petition or through counsel duly appoint, if you fail, matter will be heard and disposed of in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal off the court on 23.01.2021.

By Order of the Court, Sheristadar, XVIII A.C.M.M. Court, Bengaluru.

Sri RAMAMURTHY .H, Advocate
No.70, 1st Floor, Behind Mahalakshmi Temple, Bagalagunte, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intending to purchase the Schedule Property from Sri. Sathish Nagabhushan, S/o. Late Sri. T. Nagahabhushan, Residing at # 307, 3rd Cross, 11th Main, Vishnu Comforts, Hongasandra, Bengaluru claiming to be the owner of the schedule property agreed to sell the same in favour my client. Therefore, any person/s, Financial Institutions, co-parcener of the owners, L.Rs., or any other person interested in the schedule property or opposing the sale of the Schedule Property to my client in any manner whatsoever shall submit their written objections to the undersigned along with the supporting documents within 7 days from the date of publication hereof. Any objections received subsequently shall not consider and my client will proceed with the sale.

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Yashavanth Sajjanagoudar, Advocate
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Bangalore Date: 01/02/2021

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU

P&SC No. 25/2021

BETWEEN:

1. Smt. Kalavathi M, W/o. Late R. Madurai, Aged about: 63 years, R/at, No. 216, 8th Main, Srinivasa Nagara, BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560 050.

2. Smt. Kasturi R, D/o. Late R. Madurai, Aged about 50 years, R/at, No. 8/13, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Attiguppe, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 040.

3. Smt. Gayathri M, D/o. Late R. Madurai, Aged about: 41 years, R/at, No. 14/4, 8th Main Road, Srinivasa Nagara, BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560 050.

4. Smt. Jyothi, D/o. Late R. Madurai, Aged about 38 years, R/at, No. 32/1, 8th Cross, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 085.

..... PETITIONERS

AND

NIL .....RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named petitioners have instituted the above petition under section 371 & 372 of the Hindu Secession Act to grant certificate in their favour to claim all the benefits of deceased late R. Madurai who died on 21.09.2020 in respect of refund from Banks.

Interested parties are hereby wanted to appear before this court (CCH-66) in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **15.03.2021 at 11.00** am in forenoon to show cause against the petition failing the wherein the matter will be heard and determined.

SCHEDULE

1) DP Account No. 10509660829 in State Bank of India, J.C. Road, Bangalore retail Branch,

2) Savings Account No. 0008053000010637 in South Indian Bank Ltd., Bangalore City Branch, K.G. Road, Bangalore,

3) Savings Account No. 0008050000049899 in South Indian Bank Ltd., Bangalore City Branch.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this day of 25th January 2021.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Petitioners:
S.V.H. Law Associates,
Advocates & Legal Consultants
No. 201, 2nd Floor, Brigade Links, 1st Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru - 20. Mobile: 96117 64471

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(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank, Jayadeva Branch, Bangalore,** will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is "** on **15.02.2021**, for recovery of **Rs.10,30,774.26/-** (Rupees Ten lakhs Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Four and paisa Twenty Six only) with further interest and other incidental expenses/costs from **01.02.2021,** due to the **Canara Bank, Jayadeva Branch, Bangalore** from. **1. Mahalakshmi Granites, Prop: G. Pushpalatha** W/o Ramesh R. #169, 4th Main Road, 1st Cross, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagara Industrial Town, Bangalore-560044. **2) Guarantor: Ramesh R,** #169, 4th Main, 1st Cross, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagara Industrial Town, Bangalore-560044. The Reserve price will be **Rs. 21.00 Lakhs EMD – Rs.2.10 Lakhs** The earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before **15.02.2021 up to 5.00 P M** by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer / or through online payment to **Account No. 8414295000001, IFSC Code: CNRB0008414**

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A balancing budget, say trade bodies

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MOST trade and industry bodies in Karnataka on Monday hailed the Union Budget and said it was a 'balancing budget' in the Covid-19 times.

The Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) termed the Budget historic and MSME-friendly.

"The Budget has come like a shot in the arm for MSMEs, with the Finance Minister announcing various measures to help the beleaguered small industry, such as doubling the allocation for MSMEs to ₹15,700 crore from last year, boosting domestic manufacturing of MSME products by increasing customs duty on certain items," KASSIA said in a statement.

KASSIA president K B Arasappa said many suggestions given by industry bodies like theirs were incorporated in the Union Budget.

Perikal M Sundar, president, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), said the health sector has gained more prominence as expected and substantial allocation is made towards this. He said the common man has not been burdened with additional tax/Covid cess.

He said a massive disinvestment plan of Rs.1.75 lakh crore and privatisation of port management and issue of infrastructure bonds along with hiking of foreign investment limit in the insurance sector to 74% are major reform processes.

"The Budget is less encouraging for Karnataka but a good balancing act in these challenging times," he added.

Israr Ahmed, Regional Chairman, FIEO Southern Region, said the Budget which focused on higher spending on healthcare expenditure, infrastructure development, creation of startup and MSME ecosystem with good ideas, if implemented properly, can become a major game changer for economic and employment growth.

T R Parasuraman, president, Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce, said local manufacturing and employment will get a boost with the increase in Customs Duty for iron and steel. The decision to privatise discoms (power distribution companies) will not only bring in cost competitiveness but can also help revamp power distribution companies, he added.

REACTIONS

The Budget has provided a platform to double the farmer's income by 2022 as per the aspiration of Honble Prime Minister Narendra Modiji

BS Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

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In order to avoid direct increase of tax, FM is trying to increase the cess in the name of farmers

Siddaramaiah, ex-CM & Congress leader

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It looks like the Centre seems to have not taken into account the impact of the new hike in fuel prices

H D Kumaraswamy, ex-CM & JDS leader

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This is the most disappointing budget in Indian history. None of the sectors or people got any benefits

DK Shivakumar, KPCC president

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The FM has assured that MSP to farmers will not stop. That assurance is a strong and clear response to those spreading misinformation over farm laws

CN Ashwath Narayan, DyCM

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa watches the coverage of the Union Budget in Bengaluru on Monday. He deemed the budget 'pro-poor and pro-middle class' | EXPRESS

'Budget a catalyst to revive economy'

Impossible to expect better budget in pandemic, says BSY calling it speed booster to spur growth

BJP

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HAILING the Union Budget 2021-22 as a catalyst that can revive the sluggish economy, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa deemed it a "pro-poor and pro-middle class" budget.

"I strongly believe that the budget will act as a speed booster to the economy which was badly hit due to Covid-19. It is impossible to expect a better budget amidst the pandemic," said Yediyurappa, adding that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced necessary strategies for the revival of the economy and containment of the pandemic. Even as the budget set aside very little for specific projects for Karnataka, even refusing to include most of the requests submitted in a pre-budget meeting, the BJP government in the State and its leaders were all praise for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sitharaman.

"₹14,778 crore has been announced for Bengaluru Metro. 58 km of new route can be constructed from this provision. This is the biggest gift to Karnataka from our own Finance Minister," Yediyurappa said. The claim was reiterated by many leaders of the BJP, including Deputy Chief Ministers and ministers. The announcement, however, is that Central counterpart funding of ₹14,778 crore would be released for the project.

"I welcome the allocation to the health sector to set up multispeciality hospitals in 602 districts across the country at ₹64,000 crore. The poorest of the poor of this country are dependent on government hospitals. ₹35,000 crore set aside for Covid vaccine is a wonderful decision. Seven new textile parks are a welcome move," said Deputy CM Govind Karjol, listing his picks from the budget, adding that initiatives on housing for the poor will go a long way. Deputy CM C N Ashwath Narayan, who had told TNIE that he was looking forward to priority allocation for the education sector, called the budget "truly solid" and "visionary". "Higher education has received a big push. He assured that MSP to farmers will not stop, which is a strong and clear response to those spreading misinformation over farm laws," he added.

Nothing for farm sector: ryot leaders

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LEADERS of various farmers' associations in the State have expressed disappointment over the "lack of clarity" in the Union Budget proposals to help farmers.

There is no clarity in the Budget on the Centre's assurance of doubling farmers' income or increasing Minimum Support Price (MSP), said Kuruburu Shantakumar, state president, Confederation of Farmers Association. Assurance to increase MSP and doubling farmers' income are mere announcements that were also made earlier, he said, adding that Monday's budget did not talk about waiver of interest on farm loans to help those in distress.

"We have to wait and watch if the special agriculture cess announced in the budget helps farmers. However, repealing farm laws that are detrimental to farmers will be a big gift that the Union government can give to farmers," Shantakumar added.

Kodihalli Chandrashekar, who was at the forefront of the agitation against the new farm laws in the State, termed the budget "anti-farmer and anti-poor." There are no programmes specific to farmers and their welfare, he said, adding that farmers are demanding that the government pass a Bill guaranteeing MSP to farmers. "When there will be no MSP, what is the point in making an announcement on allocating funds for MSP. This is only intended to mislead people. Let them not resort to such tactics ... instead have a legal framework to provide MSP as per the Swaminathan report," he said.

"Punjab government has brought an Act making it an offence to purchase agriculture produce below MSP. What is the Government of India's stand on it? Let them also come up with such a law," he added.

AGRICULTURE

Agri infra cess lacks clarity, farmers upset

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE announcement of agri infra cess on fuel prices has not gone down well with farmers and other stakeholders in the sector. Though experts say it will not impact petrol and diesel prices, citizens are not convinced.

Farmers said the government is using their name in the budget, at a time when farmers and the government have locked horns over farm bills. "The government is playing games by talking of agri infra cess. There is no clarity on the difference between agricultural sector and agricultural infrastructure. What benefit will we get and by when?" said a farmer from Kodagu.

Vasanth Rao, technical adviser at FKCCI, said if the government is talking of agri-infrastructure cess, it must also define what it will be used for. The government fails to understand that the cost of allied services will also increase, and impact only farmers to a large extent, he said.

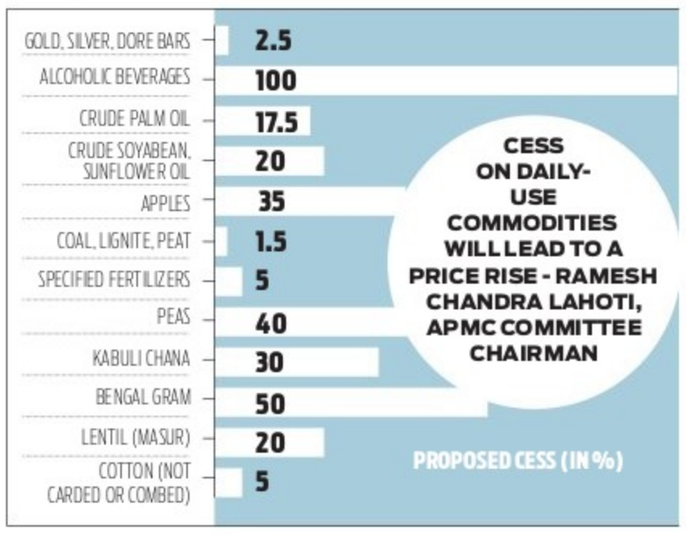
Farmers and members of APMC yards explained that the government should set aside more money for agriculture instead. "Farmers no longer use bullock carts, they have tractors, IP sets (run on diesel) and bikes. So when fuel price rises, it impacts farmers. The rise in cost of solar panels will also impact them directly and green energy generation will take a beating," said a farmer.

Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, APMC committee chairman, said it is not just petrol cess of Rs 2.5 and diesel cess of Rs 4 which has been levied, the government has also imposed agriculture infrastructure development cess on items like gold, silver, soyabean, crude palm oil, apples, peas, Kabuli chana, Bengal gram, masur and cotton. So the cost of all these commodities will also rise.

Others felt it will affect citizens. "The intention during the pandemic is good, but it will affect citizens. Instead, they should charge Rs 500 per vaccine and not raise the cost of daily use items," they said.

Dr A Balaji Rao, president, Bengaluru Petroleum Dealers' Association said: "It has been clarified to us that the cost of fuel will not rise, as other cess are being revised. Already fuel prices are high -- petrol is ₹89.21 and diesel is ₹81.10 per litre."

However, soon after the budget announcement, there was a rush at fuel stations. Gopal Reddy, vice-president, FKCCI, said rising fuel prices are the root cause of price rise across commodities.



NOT AATMA NIRBHAR, JUST AATMA BARBAAD, SAYS SIDDU

OPPOSITION

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COMING out against the Union Budget, Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah on Monday said though the Budget mentioned Aatma Nirbhar (self-reliant) Bharat a number of times, it was actually a 'Aatma Barbaad (ruinous) Budget'. Siddaramaiah said the Budget was nothing but an extension of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat announcements which Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had made earlier.

He said the Centre had not come out with any reassuring measures for the farmers. The Budget has disappointed the farmers as they were expecting waiver of interest on loans as well as interest-free loans. The government decided to impose agriculture cess, but has not announced any new programme for farmers' welfare, he said.

Speaking to reporters, Siddaramaiah said that instead of proposing to impose agri cess, the Finance Minister should have focused on farmers' loans.

He also questioned the move to privatise the power sector and increase the FDI limit in the insurance sector from 49% to 74%. He said privatisation of the power sector would only add to the burden of the farmers. There was nothing in the Budget for students, unemployed youths, minorities, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, he said. He said Karnataka did not get much but the Budget was benevolent to poll-bound states like Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

KPCC president D K Shivakumar said no sector or people got benefited from the Budget. Though the Centre announced earlier that two crore jobs would be created, it did not get any mention in the Budget, he said.

Former CM and JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy said the budget was filled with colourful quotes but lacked substance.

In a series of tweets, he said, "On one side, Union government speaks about Aatma Nirbhar Bharat and they increase the prices of petrol, diesel and other essential commodities...there is no clarity on agri cess." He said the Union government did not give the State its due share and this had become a practice.

Demand for judicial probe into blast nixed

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THE State government on Monday rejected the Opposition Congress' demand for a judicial probe headed by a High Court judge into the blast at a stone quarry near Shivamogga that killed six people, and ordered an investigation by the revenue secretary.

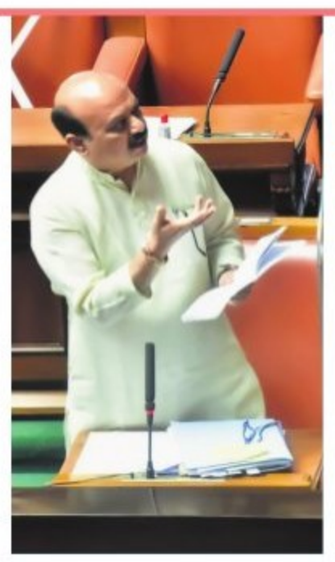
Responding to a debate in the Assembly, **Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai** said the revenue secretary will conduct a detailed probe and how illegal explosives entered the state. "Since the Deputy Commissioner is also blamed, we have decided to conduct the probe through the revenue secretary," he said, as Leader of Opposition Siddaramiah insisted that the government order a probe by a sitting judge of the Karnataka High Court. He then walked out of the House.

Bommai said the blast site was in an eco-sensitive area in the buffer zone of the Western Ghats, where mining cannot be done, but crushing units are allowed. He said illegal mining is still rampant.

In 2014-15, the State registered over 4,000 cases related to mining violations, around 3,000 cases in 2016-17, around 2,000 in 2017-18, and 900 in 2018-19. There is a nexus between quarry owners and explosives suppliers, Bommai said, adding that they have constituted a Mining Preservation Task Force that includes officials from mining, revenue, forest, environment and police departments.

Bommai said police have been given directions to convert IPC 304 (Punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder) to IPC 302 (Punishment for murder) wherever required. Bommai also said he has directed police to make a detailed map of explosives availability in all existing mining areas. In the last eight months, raids by the Internal Security Division found 17,000 gelatin sticks, he added.

Initiating the debate on the issue earlier and demanding a judicial probe, Siddaramaiah had said politicians and officials colluded to allow illegal mining. Fifteen days before the blast, the district administration was informed about illegal activities, but failed to take action. "Criminal cases must be registered against officials and all those responsible and not taking action to stop illegal mining," he said, and added that transportation of such a large quantity of explosives from Andhra Pradesh to Karnataka clearly shows intelligence failure.



Cong MLC seeks NIA investigation

"The NIA should probe the Hunasodu blast. How can 1,350 kg of explosives enter a landlocked district like Shivamogga, from where the Chief Minister hails? It cannot happen without political patronage," alleged Congress MLC B K Hariprasad. "I stand by the Congress demand for a High Court judge probe, but NIA can investigate it, considering its sensitivity. It's a serious intelligence failure." The Council, under Rule 68, took up the Hunasodu blast for discussion on the issue of the sensitive Western Ghats, and urged the government to discourage illegal mining and quarrying. MLAs sought to know how so much explosive material can enter a district. While BJP's Ayanur Manjunath said the environment must be protected, Opposition leader S R Patil, Chief Whip M Narayana Swamy and MLCs K C Kondaiah and R B Thimmapur said illegal quarrying and mining should be curbed. MLC PR Ramesh claimed there are 2,000 illegal quarries, and royalty would be about Rs 1,200 crore annually.

'Will get report on Hoskote ruckus'

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THE State government will obtain a report on the alleged violation of protocol at Hoskote, where Hoskote MLA Sharath Bachegowda was not invited to a state event, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Monday.

Hoskote Town Municipal Council Commissioner went ahead with a government event on Saturday without informing Bachegowda, leading to a ruckus between the followers of Bachegowda and Minister MTB Nagaraj that day.

Moving a privilege motion in the Legislative Assembly, Bachegowda said the commissioner had come to his house on the eve of the event. "I asked them why they didn't inform me earlier, and told them to postpone the event. Despite my request, they went ahead. As per protocol, the local MLA has to preside. When my people questioned it, police resorted to lathicharge. Who is responsible for this?" he said.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, in reply, said it was not the first time that legislators have been ignored. "... there was chaos between Sharath and Nagaraj's followers. I will get the report from the Deputy Commissioner and SP of Bengaluru Rural and take action," Bommai said. Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri, and other MLAs expressed support to Bachegowda.

Old vehicles to be moved to scrap yards

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THE Karnataka government has identified 18 acres of land on the city outskirts to dump old vehicles. Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said this will be done by Bengaluru City Police in association with BBMP.

Bommai said the two agencies will conduct a drive to lift all unused vehicles from roadsides. Since 2018, Bengaluru Police has seized and disposed of 1.98 lakh old vehicles after taking judicial permission, he added.

Basavanagudi MLA Ravi Subramanya, calling attention seeking motion on Monday, spoke about unused old vehicles left parked for years, taking up parking space on roads and causing inconvenience. Often, these abandoned vehicles are used for anti-social activities, and are usually parked in front of garages and police stations, he said.

Replying to Subramanya, Bommai said they have identified three locations -- three acres in Dasanapura hobli, two acres in Uttarahalli and 13 acres in Bingipura to dump old vehicles, whose owners don't come forward to claim them. "We have also tied up with State Trading Corporation to scrap the vehicles and send for recycling. Vehicles not used by STC will be dumped in these places, reducing the burden on roads and public spaces," he added.

Kalasipalya police arrested a drug peddler and seized stashes of brown sugar and MDMA. The accused has been identified as Robert Ossiro, a Nigerian national. Police seized four packets of brown sugar, 11 packets of MDMA, 100 grams of ganja, and a scooter.

'Kids losing out on social skills'

A year of school closure, online classes have taken a toll on children, say parents

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For the first time since March 2020, students of classes 9 to 12 attended offline classes in schools till 4:30 pm. The government was pleasantly surprised at the 65% attendance which was more than the expected 60% turnout. Students in Dakshina Kannada district clocked the highest attendance at 85.88%, while Koppal marked the lowest at 42.77%. The department was yet to announce the attendance for the rest of the grades when this paper went to print

WHILE the government is yet to take a call on restarting regular classes for younger children, parents are worried that their wards aren't getting enough social interaction with peers due to nearly a year of suspending schooling.

"With no access to classes, my child has been affected psychologically and is feeling low and agitated. She was occupied on weekends with robotics and craft classes until December, when we did not pay the second installment of school fees. We have already paid 83% (Rs 1.1 lakh) of the fee, and our daughter continues to wonder why classes have stopped," said Sharan, a parent.

Another parent, Vinod, said that with months of no interaction with other children, his son prefers staying at home now. "There is little reason for him to interact with new classmates now, which he would have done if he was in school," says a worried Vinod.

Kusuma, another parent, noticed that the "technical glitch" on the school website was resolved once the entire fee was paid, and her son was back to attending classes online.

Still, her son who is in grade 4, has been looking forward to attending regular offline classes. She says he is barely occupied with books and has social contact with just one school friend, that too, over the phone.

RELEASE FUNDS FOR REPAIR OF SCHOOLS, LOKAYUKTA TELLS CM

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TAKING serious note of the grievances of the students studying in the Government Primary and Higher Primary Schools in the state, the Karnataka Lokayukta on Monday asked Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who is also the Finance Minister, to release necessary grants for repair of dilapidated school buildings and also to build new classrooms.

Giving an example of the pathetic state of schools in Ballari district due to non-release of funds where the officials had cited financial crisis due to the pandemic, Lokayukta Justice P Vishwanatha Shetty said, "I am satisfied that the children who are studying in schools which are in a dilapidated condition are facing injustice and undue hardship on account of the government's failure to get the school buildings repaired periodically."

Justice Shetty said, "Thereby, there is violation of fundamental right to education guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution and also seriously affects the right to life and liberty."

IN THE HC

In the report submitted by the primary and secondary education department to the Lokayukta, it was pointed out that 1,807 school buildings in Ballari district are in dilapidated condition and require immediate repairs and 919 schools are required to be reconstructed but works could not be taken up for want of funds.

Noting that the state cannot avoid its constitutional obligation on the ground of financial inabilities, the Lokayukta observed that it was well known that only the children of poorer and weaker sections of the society go to government institutions. Therefore, the state is required to take all necessary steps for improving the school buildings, he said.

Appoint Upalokayukta expeditiously: HC to State

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court has directed the state government to appoint an Upalokayukta as expeditiously as possible. A division bench of Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice V Srishananda passed the order while disposing of a PIL filed by city-based advocate S Umapathi, seeking directions to the state government to initiate and finalise the process of appointment to the post of Upalokayukta. The government advocate submitted that the state had appointed Justice B S Patil on November 20, 2019, and that it has initiated the process of appointment for the post of second Upalokayukta after it fell vacant on December 14, 2020. The appointment requires consultation with the Chief Justice of Karnataka, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and Chairman of the Legislative Council, and therefore the government requested that some time be granted. The Court observed that the prayer was genuine, and disposed of the writ petition.

HC seeks report on status of cases pending under UAPA

Bengaluru: The High Court on Monday directed its Registrar General to obtain reports from sessions courts with regard to the status of cases under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act pending trial. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order after hearing a PIL filed by city-based advocate A Vaseemuddin, seeking directions to establish more special courts to complete trials in a time-bound manner. In the report submitted to the court, the Registrar General stated that 56 cases under UAPA are pending in four courts in Bengaluru Urban district. Those cases may be transferred to a single court, instead of constituting an additional court.

7 arrested for attacking people seeking funds for Ram Temple

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SEVEN men have been arrested by SG Palya police for allegedly attacking some activists and pelting stones at a 'Rama Ratha' -- a vehicle which was used by the latter to collect donations for the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

The incident took place in Bismillah Nagar on Saturday, which led to tension gripping the locality for some time.

A senior police officer said that based on accessed video footage, five of the suspects were held on Sunday, while two others were caught the following day.

The arrested have been identified as Adnan, Ahmed Pasha, Abdul Gouse, Mohammed, Shabir, Syed Suhail, and Syed Akmal -- all aged between 25 and 30 years.

Explaining the incident, the officer informed that on Saturday, some activists were collecting donations in the area, when they passed by the accused.

The latter heard loud music from a speaker on the ratha, which was also apparently causing traffic snarls in the narrow lane it was passing through.

Upset over this, the accused started arguing with the activists. In a fit of rage, they allegedly also attacked a few activists with stones.

However, they fled when police reached the spot. All seven have been sent to judicial custody.

CRIME PATROL

Cops nab 7 for stealing cars

BENGALURU: KG Halli police busted an interstate racket and arrested seven suspects who would steal people's cars on the pretext of helping them clear EMIs. The gang then took the vehicles to Andhra Pradesh and illegally sold them. Police have seized 48 cars worth Rs 4 crore, and unearthed a nexus of RTO officials in Ananthpur who registered the vehicles without the required NOC from Karnataka for a commission. The suspects, J Riyaz (33), Sheikh Mukhtiyar (30), Y Vinod Kumar (32), Ramesh Naidu (40), T Prabhakar (34), Chakli Naresh (32), and Narasimha Reddy (35), allegedly cheated over 100 people. **ENS**

Woman accuses husband of forgery

BENGALURU: A techie filed a case against her estranged husband for allegedly forging her signature to avail loans worth several lakhs of rupees from different banks. The accused has been identified as Rajiv Bansali (45), of VV Puram. He is said to be unwell, and police plan on interrogating him after he recovers. An officer said that based on a complaint from Savitha Bansali, a case of forgery has been registered. Savitha alleged that Rajiv, who had suffered losses in his business, became an alcoholic and forced her to avail personal loans to help him in a new venture. Recently, she began to receive notices from banks, which revealed that someone had taken loans in her name. Her husband had forged her signature on bank documents to avail the loans. **ENS**

Taxi fares go across state up from today

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The transport department on Monday increased taxi fares across the state.

Minimum fare for non-AC taxis for the first 4 kilometre will be Rs 75, after which Rs 18 will be charged per kilometre.

For AC taxis, the first 4 kilometre will cost Rs 100, after which Rs 24 per kilometre will be charged per kilometre.

Night charges will be 10% higher will be applicable from midnight to 6am.

No waiting charge for the first five minutes, after which Re 1 will be charged per minute.

No charge for luggage up to 120kg, after which Rs 7 will be charged per 20kg.

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I, **ASHWIN SHANKAR BHAT**, S/o B. Surya Narayana Bhat, R/a. No.304, 'Gowri Shankara', 6th block, Sir M. Vishveshwarayya Layout, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-91, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ASHWIN SHANKAR BARE** to **ASHWIN SHANKAR BHAT**, vide affidavit dated: 30.01.2021, sworn before **Sri K. RAMEGOWDA**, Advocate and Notary Public, Govt of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KAMALAWWA BALGOUD SHETTENNAVAR**, Spouse of No. 15331315W L/NK Balagoud Shettennavar, residing at/Post:Akkatangerahal, Taluk:Gokak, Dist:Belagavi, State:Karnataka, PIN:591101, have changed my name from **KAMALAWWA BALGOUD SHETTENNAVAR** to **KAMALAWWA.B.SHETTENNAVAR** vide affidavit Dated 30/01/2021 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAMAMURTHY HANUMANARASAPPA** R/at No.111, 2nd cross, 2nd main, Sugama Layout, Nyanappanahalli Near DLF, Bangalore-560068 have changed my name to **RAMAMURTHY HANUMANARASANNA** vide affidavit dated: 1/2/2021 Before Notary G.R.Rajanna Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ROOPESH KUMAR NAGARAJ**, S/o Nagaraj Hallegere Annaiahshetty, R/at #512, Hosahalli Main Road, Hosahalli, Gollarapalya, CRK Layout, Bengaluru-91, have changed my name to **ROOPESH HALLEGERE NAGARAJ**, vide affidavit dated 01.02.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **R.JAMUNA**, Spouse of No. 15323014X HAV C.Rajendran, residing at Periyamattara (Vill) Varatana Palli (Post) Krishna Giri (Tk & Dist) Tamil Nadu (State) PIN:635120, have changed my name from **R.JAMUNA** to **S.JAMUNA** vide affidavit Dated 27/01/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MADHUMITA SHEKHAR**, W/o Amitesh Kumar Singh, R/at 1A-401, Soul Space Arista, Outer Ring Road, Doddanekundi, Bangalore-560037. Have changed my name from **'MADHUMITA SHEKHAR'** to **"MADHUMITA SINGH"** vide Affidavit dated 01.02.2021 sworn before Notary Public, Ramesh D Shah, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,**CLEMENT EDGAR YATES** S/o.Morris Yates , I am changing my name to **KLEMENT EDGAR**. resident No. 21,2nd Cross ,Hennur Cross , Meghana Palya ,Kalyanagar , Bangalore - 560043 Vide Affidavit dated.30.01.2020 before Notary Chandrakala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ABHISHEK** S/o **Rajagopalan Venkatesh** aged about 25 years, R/at No.B006, MIMS Residency Thanisandra main road Devin Paradise Enclave Agrahara Badavane Near Greenfield Public School, Sampigehalli Yelahanka Post, Bengaluru-560064 have changed my name to **ABHISHEK VENKATESH** vide affidavit dated: 1/2/2021 Before Notary **V.Srinivasa Reddy** Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SUGUNA. A**, W/o Late Prabhakaran, Aged about 71 years, residing at: #26/27, 2nd Cross, K.R.R, Layout, Basavanapura, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore- 560036. I state that in my husband's Defense Service Card my name is mentioned as **A. SUGUNDRA BAI** instead of **SUGUNA. A**, hereby declare that **"SUGUNA. A"** and **"A. SUGUNDRA BAI"** names are one and the same which refers to myself. Vide affidavit dated 15.09.2020 sworn before Advocate and Notary Y.V. Shankar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,**VANITHA ANANDA RAO** W/o K. Manohara , I am changing my name to **VANITHA.M.KEEKAN**. resident No. 10, Sri Ramanathaswamy Nilaya , 10th Main , Bandappa Garden , Muthylanagar , Mathikere , Bangalore - 560054 Vide Affidavit dated.30.01.2020 before Notary Chandrakala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **ARAVIND.K** R/at No.777, 3rd Cross, Municipal Qtrs, Subhash Nagar, Nelamangala, Bengaluru-562123 have changed my name to **ARAVIND REDDY KETHIREDDY** vide affidavit dated:30/12/2020 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rama Rao Sharmoji Rao , S/o. Sharmoji Rao Akleshwar Rao Sinde, R/at No. 68, 1st Main Road, Kalyananagar, Mudalapalya, Bengaluru-560072. I have changed my name from **'RAM RAO'** to **'RAMA RAO SHARMOJI RAO'** vide Affidavit dated 01.02.2021. Sworn before Advocate & Notary H.S., Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **A.MEENA ANNAMALAI,** Spouse of No. JC-308678F SUB Annamalai.M, residing at Road Street, Nandiyalam (Vill & Post) Rathnagiri (Via) Walaja (Taluka) Vellore (Dist) Tamil Nadu (State) PIN:632517, have changed my name from **A.MEENA ANNAMALAI** to **A.MEENA** vide affidavit Dated 27/01/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,**MANJULA MUKUNDA** W/o **K.R.Mukunda,** Aged about 53 Years. R/at No.39/26, 1st A cross, 5th Block, Behind Kamakya Theatre, Banashankari 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore -560085 have changed my name to **MANJULA KRISHNAIAH** vide affidavit dated:30/1/2021 Before Notary **N.Nagappa** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. Alip Dutta, S/o. Pijush Kanti Dutta, R/at No.B206, 11th Cross, 10th Main Road, Malleshpalya, Maruthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560075. I have changed my minor daughter's name from **'ELISHA GANGULY DUTTA'** to **'TUSHANA GANGULY DUTTA'** vide Affidavit dated 01.02.2021. Sworn before Advocate & Notary S.R. Nanjunda Swamy, Bangalore.

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2	Hospet	282/bc2	1380 sq.m	2000-00	5000	69,00,000.00	6,90,000.00
3	Hospet	322/L	760 sq.m	2000-00	6400	48,64,000.00	4,86,400.00
4	Ananthsayangudi	105/3a/a1	480 sq.m	2000-00	4200	20,16,000.00	2,01,600.00
5	Ananthsayangudi	86/d1,d3	347 sq.m	2000-00	5300	18,39,000.00	1,83,900.00
6	Ananthsayangudi	78/a1b1	115 sq.m	2000-00	5000	5,75,000.00	57,500.00
7	Ananthsayangudi	23/ b1a	298 sq.m	2000-00	3600	10,72,800.00	1,07,280.00
8	Ananthsayangudi	51/2,	3327 sq.m	2000-00	6600	2,19,58,200.00	21,95,820.00
9	Amaravathi	487/a	313 sq.m	2000-00	5200	16,27,600.00	1,62,760.00
10	Amaravathi	488/a2	1239 sq.m	2000-00	5200	64,42,800	6,44,280.00
11	88 Mudlapur	362/a,b	552 sq.m	2000-00	2000	11,04,000.00	1,10,400.00
12	Mariyamanahalli	49/a1	1124 sq.m	2000-00	1500	16,86,000.00	1,68,600.00
13	Mariyamanahalli	113/b	369 sq.m	2000-00	1500	5,53,500.00	55,350.00
14	Nandibanda	18/a14	1392 sq.m	2000-00	1500	20,88,000.00	2,08,800.00
15	Sanklapur	113/2	1822 sq.m	2000-00	5000	91,10,000.00	9,11,000.00
16	Sanklapur	119/4a3	204 sq.m	2000-00	5000	10,20,000.00	1,02,000.00

Conditions:
1. Allotments will be made under Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Allotment of Civic amenties sites)Rules 1991 for the period of 30years on lease basis
2. 18% Schedule caste, 3% for Schedule tribe and 3% for physically handicap is reserved
3. 50 percent relaxation on lease amount for central govt department state govt, kannda schools and physically established instutions.
4. Notified lease amount may be altered if necessary or allotment may be cancelled by the Authority at any time.
5. Application are available by paying fee of Rs 200/- Last date for submission of filled application along with 10% lease amount is **20.2.2021**.
(For more details contact HUDA 08394-227749)

Sd/-
Commissioner,
HUDA. HOSPET

DIPR/Bellary-Hospete/09/Alaknanda/2020-21

TAMILNADU STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD
Short Tender Notice No.T.31/Sr.DO/F.1157/2020/Dated.01.02.2021
Lumpsum Contract (Two cover System)

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders will be received for the work by the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, Guindy, Chennai-32, from the PWD Registered Contractors Class I above 75.00 lakhs, upto 3.00 PM on **18.02.2021.** The tender will be opened by the Executive Engineer on the same day **18.02.2021** at 3.30 PM. in the presence of tenderers present at that time.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value put to Tender (Rs. In Lakhs) Approx.	EMD Rs. (Including GST)
1)	Establishment of Primary Processing Centre for Supply Chain Management (under Phase-II) at Uthamasolapuram, Thalaivasal, Valapaddy, Edapaddy and Kolathur in Salem District.	1103.80	12,37,000

Note:(1)The Tender Schedules will be available during Office Hours **up to 17.02.2021**, after **remitting cost of tender schedule of Rs. 16,800/- including GST in the shape of D.D., in favour of CEO, TNSAMB, Chennai-32, Payable at Chennai (or)** The tender schedules can also be downloaded from the websites www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tn.gov.in & www.tnsamb.gov.in, free of cost. (2) Further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, CIPET Road, Guindy, Chennai-32 during office hours i.e., 10.00 am to 5.45 pm on all working days. (3) The Tender received after due date and time will be summarily rejected. (4) Period of completion 12 months. (5) Any revision of dates/updates will be intimated through website only.

Executive Engineer,
TNSAMB, Chennai - 32

DIPR/693/TENDER/2021

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560001
Tel: 080-22215601, 22211246. Fox:080-22215602

No: DYES/SSH/710/2020-21 Dated: 27.01.2021

Short Term Tender Notification
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

According to Karnataka Transparency in public procurement act 1999 and Rules 2000 the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports is inviting tender for the procurement of Sports Training Equipments to Sports Hostels across Karnataka State

Sl. No	Particulars	Tender Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Procurement of Sports Training Equipments to Sports Hostels across Karnataka State	75.35 lakhs	131 lakhs

The Tender should be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.eov.in)**. Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal. 1) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through e-Procurement Portal : **06.02.2021 up to 16:00Hrs.** 2) Opening of Technical Bid : **08.02.2021. at 16:30 Hrs.** Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/- Deputy Director (Admin)
& Tender Inviting Authority.

DIPR/DDU/2640/2020-21

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WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
PURCHASE, STORE AND MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Govt. of Bihar

(Supply of IP CCTV Night Vision Camera, High LED Flood Light & Portable Generator)

File no-02/क्रय–02–03 / 2020–35

Short NIQ No: 03/2020-21

(Through e - procurement mode only-www.eproc2. bihar. gov.in)

1.DETAILS OF WORK:

Sr.No	Name of work	Quantity	Earnest Money (In Rs.) (will be deposited online or Offline mode)	Cost of Bid document (Non refundable) will be deposited online only (in Rs).	Bid Processing fee (Non refundable) payable to BELTRON will be deposited online only (In Rs.)	Time of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of IP CCTV Night Vision Camera with all allied accessories, software & other support system , High LED Flood Light, Solar Panel, Pole with Bracket and Portable Generator with Operation and Maintenance (O&M) for three year and Comprehensive AMC for three year after expiry of O&M period (03 years) at various locations of embankment along the river of different Chief Engineer's Zone of Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar	100 Nos.	300000.00	10000.00	3540.00	15 days

2.	DATE OF ISSUE OF NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION	:	-28-01-2021
3.	PERIOD OF DOWNLOADING OF BID DOCUMENT	:	FROM 08.02.2021 to 12.02.2021 UPTO 3.00 PM. (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
4.	DATE,TIME AND PLACE OF PRE - BID MEETING	:	10.02.2021 AT 3.30 PM at Office of DIRECTOR, Purchase, Store & Material management Directorate, WRD, Patna.
5.	LAST DATE AND TIME FOR UPLOADING OF QUOTATION	:	13.02.2021 Up to 3.00. PM. (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
6.	DATE AND TIME OF OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS	:	15.02.2021 At 3.30 PM. (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
7.	DATE AND TIME OF OPENING OF FINANCIAL BIDS	:	The date and time of opening of Financial Bids will be communicated on website.
8.	PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS	:	THROUGH WEBSITE ONLY.
9.	LAST DATE OF BIDS VALIDITY	:	15.10.2021 (Up to Flood Period)
10.	POST & OFFICE INVITING BIDS	:	DIRECTOR,Purchase,Store And Material Management Directorate, Water Resources Department, Barrack No.-5,Harding Road,Patna -800001 Mob. No. 09334107013

11.	The detailed information can be seen at website **www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/www.wrd.bih.nic.in & www.prdbihar.gov.in**
12.	For participating in E -Tendering process, the contractor shall have to get themselves registered on eproc2 to get their user ID, Password and digital signature. This will enable them to access the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and downloading/ paticipating in E-Quotation.
13.	Further details of works can be obtained from the office of the undersigned. for clarification, regarding the E -Tendering process, please contact the E -Tendering cell, Computer Cell, 2nd Floor, Sinchai Bhawan, Patna (0612 -2235241) or Help Desk, Bank of I ndia Building, M/22 Ist floor, Plot No-25,S.K.Nagar,Patna (0612-2523006, 07542028164).
14	Further details can be seen on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in, www.wrd.bih.nic.in & **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

PR- 12042 (W R D) 2020-21

Director
Purchase, Store and Material Management Directorate
Water Resources Department,Bihar, Patna

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Union Bank of India, ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH

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"Jeevan Sampige: (LIC Building),1/1, Ground Floor, 2nd Main, Sampige Road, Near Mantri Square Mall, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003.
Mail Id: cb478@unionbankofindia.com, arbbangalore@unionbankofindia.com, Contact No: 9441215957, 9148979845,

APPENDIX-IV-A
[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]
Notice of 15 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the provison of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive /Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru** concerned branches/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is"** basis, by Public **E-Auction** on **18.02.2021, 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM** for recovery of the dues mentioned below together with future interest and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. Last date for submission of EMD On or before **17.02.2021** , The Reserve Price for Property, the earnest money deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., are given below

S.L	Name and Address of the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor	Amount due	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Description of immovable secured assets to be sold
1	**1) M/s Advaith Bio Remedies, Represented by Y Naveen Kumar and Partners,** No. 26, Veerasandra Industrial Area, Electronic City Phase II, Bangalore -560100, **2) Naveen Kumar Yadam, (Partner /Guarantor)** S/o Sreenivasulu Yadam, Flat No. 208, Pavani Chandana Apts, Electronic City Phase – II, Bangalore -560100. **Permanent Address At:** Mr. Naveen Kumar Yadam **(Partner/Guarantor)** S/o Sreenivasulu Yadam, Varipalli Village, Chinnagottigallu Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh – 517193. **3) Mr.Hemabaradhara Reddy (Partner/Gu arantor)** No. 911, 5th Cross, Choudeshwari Layout, Marathhalli. **4) Mr. Venkatesh D (Partner/Guarant or/Mortgagor)** S/o R Devaraj No. 1832, First Block, Sri M Vishveshvaraiah Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Bangalore-560056. **5) Mr. Raju S.M (Partner/Gua rantor/Mortgagor)** S/o C Srinivasan, No. 308, II Block, III Stage, III Phase, Banashankari, Benga luru – 560085	Rs. **10,41,62,745.80/-** (Rupees Ten Crores Forty One Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Five And Paisa Eighty Only)(As on **31/12/2020**)	**Rs. 1,93,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Three Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 19,30,000/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Thirty Thousand only)**	All the part and Parcel of Residential Property at No. 308, BBMP PID No. 54-29-308, at 3rd Cross, 3rd Phase, BSK 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Bangalore -560085 , belongs to Mr. S.M Raju measuring 1200 Sq.Ft, East to West 30 Ft and North to South 40 Ft and Bounder by: East: Site No. 307, West: Site No. 309, North : Road, South : Site No. 283
2	**1. M/s Janatha Traders,** No.506, 9th Cross , BDA Land, APMC Yard, Yeshwanthapur, Bangalore -560022. Represented by its Prop. Smt N N Savithra Bai. **2. Mrs. Savithrabai N N.** W/o N Nagaraj Shetty, Old Main Bazar, Near Sri Virabhadreshwar Temple , Raichur, Sindhanur, Karnataka-584128. **3. Mr. Nagaraj Setty Nadang** No. 14, 14th Main Road, 8th Cross, Ganesh Block, Near Tent Road, Nandini Layout, Bangalore – 560096.	**Rs. 1,67,89,248** (One Crore Sixty Seven Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Eight Only)as on **31/12/2020**	**1,22,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Two Lakhs only)**	**12,20,000/- (Twelve Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)**	All that piece and Parcel of Site bearing No. 506, (BDA Land), situated at A.P.M.C. Yard, Yeshwanthapur Bangalore-560022, measuring 30-0 X 60-0 Feet and bounded by the following boundaries East by : Site No. 505, West by: Site No. 507, South by : Site No . Factory Compound Wall North by : 60 Ft. Road.
3	**1) M/s K Mark, Prop. Mr. K Keshavamurthy,** R/a No. 2060, 16th D Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560 038. **2)** Mr. Keshavamurthy, R/a No. 2060, 16th D Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560 038. **3) Mrs. Kavitha Kestur** R/a No. 2060, 16th D Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560 038	**Rs. 10,28,20,575/-** (Rupees Ten Crores Twenty Eight Lakhs Twenty Thousands Five Hundred and Seventy Five only) **(As on 31.12.2020)**	**Rs. 1,12,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 11,20,000/-/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty Thousand only)**	All that part and parcel of apartment bearing Flat No. G-1, Ground Floor, ORCHARD GREEN Apartments, Property No. 139/34-10, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Intermediate Ring Road, Domlur, Bangalore – 560 071. Total Plinth Area – 1430 Sq. Ft, with one Car Parking space in the Basement and 680 Square Feet of Garden area along with 771 Sq. Ft of Undivided share right.
4	**1. Mr.Javeed M & Mrs.Tabassum Fathima,** Residing at 3/5, 5th Cross, Someshwara Nagar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru South - 560011 **Also at** Mr.Javeed M & Mrs.Tabassum Fathima, "Unik Paradise", Flat No.304, 3rd Floor, 4th Cross Road, Krishnappa Layout, Shampura New Extension, 2nd Block, Shamoura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru – 560045. **2. Mr.Ilyaz Ahmed (guarantor),** No.57, 7th Cross, Mangampalya, Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru – 560068 **3. Mr.Nayaz Ahmed,** No.11, 3rd Floor, Mohamdan Nayaz Aamed Block, Chamarajpete, Bengaluru 560018	**Rs.44,12,122.71** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Two and Seventy One paisa only) as of **31.12.2020**	**Rs.33,04,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Four Thousand only)	**Rs.3,30,400 /-**(Rupees Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Only)	All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Property at "UNIK PARADISE" Flat No.304, 3rd Floor, New BBMP No.8, PID No.95-349-8, Site No.43 and 43A, Khata No.1378 and 379, Assessment No.11/1 and 12/3, 4th Cross Road, Krishnappa Layout, Shampura Exentension 2nd Block, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore 560045 measuring super built up area of 900sqft along with 205 sqft undivided share., Bounded on the North by: Property No.44, South by: Property No.42, East by:4th Cross Road and West by: Property No.40 & 41.
5	**1. Mr.S.Karthik , Flat No.102, 1st Floor, Indus Paradise Apartm**ents, 12th Main Road, 4th Cross, Lakkasandra, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru – 560030. **2. Mrs.S.Kowsalya,** Flat No.102, 1st Floor, Indus Paradise Apartments, 12th Main Road, 4th Cross, Lakkasandra, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru – 560030	**Rs.66,77,587.76** (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Seven and Seventy Six Paise only) as of **31.12.2020**	**Rs.80,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs only)**	**Rs.8,00,000 /-(Rupees Eight Lakhs Only)**	All that Piece and Parcel of the Residential Property bearing Flat No.102, 1st Floor, "INDUS PARADISE" apartments, having super built-up area of 1270sqft situated at New Municipal No.1/3-1, earlier Municipal No.1/3(231) situated at 4th Cross, 12th Main Road, Lakkasandra Extension, Bangalore 560030, flat bounded on east by: Open to sky; West by: Open to sky and Flat no.103, North by: Corridor & Steps and South by: Open to sky, Building Boundaries: East by: property of Sri.Krishnappa, West by: Property of Sri.Bose & others, North by: Road & Property of Kothari and South by: Property of Raghupathi & others
6	**1. Smt.Y.V.Shiva Priya** D/o Yegnanarayanavekatesa, Residing at: No 311, 6th Cross,Gandipuram, Whitefield, Bengaluru–560066 **2. Mr. Aravind Kumar** Residing at: No. 311, 6th Cross, Gandipuram, Whitefield, Bengaluru – 560 066	**Rs.91,43,530.61** (Rupees Ninety One Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty and Sixty One Paise only) as on **31.12.2020**	**Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only)**	**Rs.5,00,000 /-(Rupees Five Lakhs Only)**	All that piece and parcel of House property bearing Site No. 76, Assessment No. 212, in Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru, BBMP No.76/126, Ward No. 16, Karnataka H.B.C.S 2nd Stage Road, Kamalanagar, Bengaluru, PID No. 16-45-76/126, comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Measuring East to West : (45 + 50)/2 feet, North to South: 20 Feet , totally measuring 950Sq.ft., constructed 19 Squares RCC Roofed house with all Civic amenities and bounded on East: Road, West: Private property, North: Site No.77, South: Site No.75.
7	**1. M/s Vijaya Shree Infra** No: 12/9/4/2, 3rd Cross, Brindavana Layout, Vijinapura, Bangalore – 560016. **2. Mr. K M Gopi,** # 2150, 1St Cross, B M Kaval, HAL 3rd Stage, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore- 560075. **3. Mrs. G Radha Rani,** No. 2150, 1st Cross, B M Kaval, HAL 3rd stage, New Thippsandra Post, Bangalore - 560075. **4. Mrs. Puttamma M,** No. 2150, 1st Cross, B M Kaval, HAL 3rd Stage, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore- 560075.	**Rs.10,65,79,868.70/-** (Rupees Ten Crores Sixty Five Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight and Seventy Paisa only)	**Rs. 3,33,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Thirty Three Lakhs only).**	**Rs. 33,30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand only).**	All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land in Sy no.109 (old Sy no.44) situated at Rayasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli,Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural district measuring 1 acre20 guntas belonging to Mr K M Gopi and Mrs G Radha Rani bounded by East by : Government Road ,West by : Land of Nagaraju of Devanahalli North by: Land of Hanumanthappa, South by :Land of Muniyappa
8	**1. M/s Vijaya Shree Infra** No: 12/9/4/2, 3rd Cross, Brindavana Layout, Vijinapura, Bangalore – 560016. **2. Mr. K M Gopi,** # 2150, 1St Cross, B M Kaval, HAL 3rd Stage, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore- 560075. **3. Mrs. G Radha Rani,** No. 2150, 1st Cross, B M Kaval, HAL 3rd stage, New Thippsandra Post, Bangalore - 560075. **4. Mrs. Puttamma M,** No. 2150, 1st Cross, B M Kaval, HAL 3rd Stage, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore- 560075.	**Rs.10,65,79,868.70/-** (Rupees Ten Crores Sixty Five Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight and Seventy Paisa only)	**Rs. 1,07,10,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Ten Thousand only)**	**Rs. 10,71,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Seventy One Thousand only)**	All that piece and parcel of House list no.9/3 and 10/1, Katha no.10, Byappanahalli Notified area Assessment no.8 situated at Vijinapura Village alias Kothur Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to west 59ft+ 70ft/2, North to South 70ft+53ft/2, in all admeasuring 3966.75 square feet belonging to Mrs Puttamma bounded by: North : private property and measuring 53ft on that side, South: Road and measuring 70ft on that side, East: Remaining property of the vendors in the same Khatha number sold to smt.Jayamma and N Venkatesh,measuring 70ft on that side. West: property of M Krishna Reddy measuring 53ft on that side

Account bearing No: 331301990050000, in the name of "Asset Recovery Branch", at Union Bank of India, Avenue Road Branch, through IFSC Code: UBIN0533131

The aforesaid property/ies will be sold by "Online The Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **www.mstcecommerce.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp** by using their mobile number and valid email-id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The interested bidder may contact the Branch Manager of Union Bank of India **Asset Recovery Branch: Contact No: 9441215957, for inspection of property and also visit the aforementioned website for ascertaining the details of auction**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 30.01.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore.

Public Notice

My Client **Smt. H.R Kanthamma** W/O A. Narayana Reddy residing at No. 76, munekolala village, Marathahalli Post, Bangalore-560037 has irretrievably lost her original registered Sale Deed dated 17/10/1995 in respect of Schedule Property registered as document 6081/95-96/2-12 in the office of BAN (U) BLR (S) between **Sri. Abbas Ali** S/O Mohammad Sulthan and **Sri. Jeeauddin** S/o Sri. Abdul Gaffoor (vendors) and **Smt. H.R. Kanthamma** W/O A. Narayana Reddy (purchaser) while shifting her house on 15/12/2020. She lost her original registered Sale Deed Document and lodged a police Complaint at the Marathalli Police Station on 31/01/2021 under acknowledgement petition NCR NO. 73/2021 issued by the Marathahalli police station Bangalore If any person/s found the said Sale deed please come forward within a period of ten days from the date of the publication of this notice and hand over the same to the under signed suitable rewarded

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property, house built on site No. 8, bearing HASB katha No. 451/1 Situated at Marathahalli village, HASB Area, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 37 feet and bounded on :-

East by : Private Property,
West by : Property of Narayana Reddy,
North by : H Ramaiah Reddy's Property,
South by : 15 feet Road

Bangalore
01/02/2021

C.DORAISAMY M.A,B.Ed,L.L.B
Advocate
No.15, Prem Priya illam, IIIrd Cross,
L.B. Sastrinagar, Indiranagar, IInd Stage,
Bangalore 560 038
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WINSTON CHURCHILL

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL COURT AT BANGALORE (CCH No. 83)
Com. O.S. No. 184/2020

BETWEEN:
STATE BANK OF INDIA, Small and Medium Enterprises Centre (SMEC), # 20, Badagandu Sangha Building, Girls' High School Street, Kumarapark, Bangalore - 560 020. **...Plaintiff**

AND

M/s. Vin Modular Furniture ...Defendant

Summons to Defendant :

M/s. Vin Modular Furniture, Shed No. 6, Sy.No. 39/1, 2nd Cross, Near Lakshmi Temple, Abbigere, Kemppegowda Layout, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore - 560 090.

M/s. Vin Modular Furniture, It's Proprietor: **Mr. Raghu S.,** No.2, 2nd Floor, Tirumalappa Nagar, Attur Layout 2nd Stage, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 106.

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed the above case against Defendant, a Suit for Recovery Rs. 4,69,272/- (Rupees Four lakhs Sixty Nine thousand Two hundred Seventy Two only). You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through the pleader **on the day 22.2.2021 at 11.00 a.m.,** CCH-83, to Defendant the above case, failing which the matter will be heard ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 30th day of January 2021.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff :
GKM Associates, Advocates
No.205, 2nd Floor, Ahuja Chambers, No.1, Kumara Krupa Road, Bangalore-560 001.

IN THE COURT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC, AT KANAKAPURA
O.S. No. 327/2019

BETWEEN: Sri Hemanth Raghavendra, S/o Sri H.N. Raghavendra, aged about 48 years, R/at No. 553, 13th Main, 22nd 'A' Cross, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore - 560 070. ... **Plaintiff**

AND: Sri H.K. Venkatesh, S/o Sri Kariyappa, aged about 59 years, Anekal Main Road, Harohalli Bus Stop, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District.

Also at: No. 49, Harohalli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District. ... **Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

The plaintiff has filed the above suit for directing the defendant to execute and register a sale deed in his favour in respect of the Schedule Property and for other reliefs against the defendant. The above case stands posted to **03-04-2021** and you are hereby directed to appear in Court on that day either in person or through an advocate. Failure on your part to do so, the case will be proceeded exparte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY.

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Survey No. 114, measuring 3 Acres 15 guntas, situated at Huyyalappanahalli, Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk and District and bounded as follows:-

East by : Sri Hombale Gowda's land
West by : Government Canal
North by : Sri Chennegowda's land
South by : Sri Chennegowda @ Korlegowda's land

Given under the hand and seal of the Court on 30-01-2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Senior Civil Judge & JMFC, Kanakapura.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
Sri M.S. ASHWIN KUMAR,
Smt. SOWMYA .M KUMAR
No. 718, 10th A Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Our client intend to purchase the Item No.1 & 2 of the Schedule Property from its owner **MR. GYAN CHAND SURANA** S/o. Late. Jay Chand Lal, residing at No.131/A, 10th Main, 14th Cross, HSR Layout, Sector-6, Bengaluru-560034. If anybody has Objection for the sale of Schedule Property, may write to the undersigned within 14 (Fourteen) days from the date of this Publication with documentary proof. Non-receipt of objection/s, our client presume that there is/are no objection/s from any person/s and proceed to complete the sale transaction. Objections if any received thereafter, is not binding upon our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: Sy.No.15/1, (Previously, part of Sy.No.15), measuring **3.8 (three point eight) Guntas**, bounded on the:

East by : Sy.No.16/1A and Compound Wall;
West by : Sy.No.15 and Compound Wall;
North by : Sy.No.15 and Compound Wall;
South by : Sy.No.16/4 (Previously Sy.No.16/1A) i.e., Item No.2. Property

Item No.2: Sy.No.16/4, (Previously, part of Sy.No.16/1A), measuring **26.8 (twenty six point eight) Guntas**, bounded on the:

East by : Sy.No.16/1A and Compound Wall;
West by : Portion of Sy.No.16/1A;
North by : Compound Wall and Portion of Sy.No.15 i.e., Item No.1 Property.
South by : Anekal Bangalore Highway Road.

Item No.1 and 2, properties situated at Begehalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

MUNI GOVINDA RAJU ASSOCIATES, Advocates,
No.311-A (6/78), III Floor, Mittal Tower,
M.G.Road, BANGALORE-560 001.
Date: 02-02-2021 Phone Nos: 080-2559 4421/25596132

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the public that we have been engaged by our client to investigate the title and ownership of Economic Transport Organisation Limited, having its registered office at 18, Rabindra Sarani, Poddar Court, Ground Floor, Kolkatta - 700001 in relation to the land described in the Schedule below and referred to as the **"Schedule Properties"**.

If any person has any claims right, title, interest, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the Schedule Properties or any part thereof, the same shall be brought to the notice of the undersigned with supporting documents within (14) fourteen days from the date of this notice. If such claims are not made within the stipulated time period, then, such claim shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and our client shall be entitled to complete the transactions contemplated in respect of the Schedule Properties. Objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the stipulated time period shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

1. All that piece or parcel of the land bearing Survey No. 42/2A, measuring 1 Acre 02 Guntas, situated at Madanayakanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk and bounded as follows –

East by : Land bearing Survey No. 107 of Narasimhaiah and Bylavenkatappa;
West by : Land bearing Survey No. 43 of Narasimhaiah and his children;
North by : Tumkur-Bangalore Road; and
South by : Land bearing Survey No. 105/1

2. All that piece or parcel of the land bearing Survey No. 105/1A2, measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas, situated at Madanayakanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk and bounded as follows –

East by : Approach road to Bylappanapalya Village;
West by : Land bearing Survey No. 105 of Hanumaiah;
North by : Land bearing part of Survey No. 42; and
South by : Remaining portion of Survey No. 105/1A2

Mr. Gerald Manoharan, Partner,
J. Sagar Associates
Level 3, Prestige Obelisk, 3 Kasturba Road,
Place: Bengaluru Bengaluru 560 001. Phone: 080 43503600, 080 43503610
Date: 01, February 2021 E-mail - gerald@jsalaw.com

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STRESSED ASSET MANAGEMENT VERTICAL
"Jeevan Sampige" [LIC Building], 1/1, Ground Floor, 2nd Main Road, Near Mantri Mall, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560 003

APPENDIX-IV-A
[See Provision to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the proviso of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s): **(1) M/s. Ayurwin Pharma Pvt Ltd** #73/B, 73/C, 73/D Karib Sab Layout, Srigandakaval Village, Peenya 2nd Stage, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore–560 091 **Alternate Address: M/s. Ayurwin Pharma Pvt Ltd,** No. 1094, 19th Main, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560 010 **Guarantors: 1) Mr. Shivakumar P B,** S/o P Byregowda, No. 1094, 2nd Floor, 19th Main, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560 010, **2) Mrs. Swetha P R,** W/o Mr. Shivakumar P B, No. 1094, 2nd Floor, 19th Main, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore–560 010 that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Stressed Asset Management Vertical Branch**/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis",** on **18.02.2021 (From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM)** for recovery of **Rs.10,05,27,189.25/-** (Rupees Ten Crore Five Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine and Twenty Five Paise Only) as on **31.10.2020** with future interest and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from you both. The Reserve Price for Property will be **Rs.6,55,00,000.00** and the earnest money deposit (EMD) will be **Rs.65,50,000**, to be paid on or before the commencement of e-auction.

Description of immovable secured assets to be sold

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.238 and Municipal Corporation No. 277/238, carved out of Survey Nos. 73/B, 73/C and 73/D, situated at Srigandakavalu, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now known as Byregowda Industrial Estate, within the administrative limits of ward No.70 of BBMP, Rajagopalnagara, Bangalore, together with an industrial building consisting of Ground and First floor constructed therein, having a total built up area of 8000 Sq ft and measuring East to West 90 feet and North to South 180 feet, totally measuring 16200 sqft along with all apputenenaces there to owned by SRI. P.B. Shivakumar. S/o. Sri. P.B. Byre Gowda and bounded as under. East by : Property of Sri. H.C. Byregowda, West by : Road, North by : 30ft Road, South by : Vacant Land (Private Property where a mobile/telephone tower is installed)

The aforesaid property/ies will be sold by Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **www.mstcecommerce.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp and Click "Buyer Guide for Login and Registration" For auction related queries e-mail to sarfaesi@unionbankofindia.com or contact Union Bank of India, SAMV Bengaluru, "Jeevan Sampige": (LIC Building), 1/1, Ground Floor, Sampige Road, Near Mantri Square Mall, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003 & Mail Id: **samvblr@corpbank.co.in, samvbangalore@unionbankofindia.com** and also the Branch Manager **Mr.Prabhu R,** AGM for ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of property, **Contact No.80503 79749**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES.

This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 01.02.2021

Sd/- Authorised officer
Union Bank of India
Stressed Asset Management Vertical Branch

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया **Bank of India BOI**

Bengaluru Zone: #11, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-09 Tel: 080-2295 9407/08, Fax: 080-22289054

CORRIGENDUM

Please refer to our E-auction sale notice dated **22.01.2021** published in this Newspaper on **23.01.2021** pertaining to E-auction scheduled in the account of **M/s Arunachaleshwara Translogistics India Pvt Ltd on 25.02.2021.** The Reserve Price of **Rs.97,10,000/-** for the schedule of secured assets 1 & 2 mentioned in the aforesaid notice is to be read as **Rs.48,55,000/- for Schedule – 1 & Rs.48,55,000/- for Schedule – 2.** Accordingly, the **EMD of Rs.9,71,000/-** for the schedule of secured assets 1 & 2 is to be read as **Rs.4,85,500/- for Schedule – 1 & Rs.4,85,500/- for Schedule – 2.**

All other contents remain unchanged.

Date : 01.02.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Bank of India**

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby notified that, my clients **SMT. T.N. PUSHPALATHA & SRI R. MAHESH,** are intending to purchase the property 376 square feet of undivided share, right and interest in the land comprising in Schedule 'A' Property mentioned above together with Apartment bearing No. FRF-02 in the Fourth Floor, measuring 864 square feet of super built-up area with vitrified flooring, with one covered car parking Slot No. FRF-02 situated in the apartment building named as "Vareneya Place", 1802/5, 10th Cross, Hampinagar, RPC Layout, Vijanayanagar, Bangalore - 560 104., from its owner **SMT. CHATURA V.M.** Anybody having any objections or claims of any manner whatsoever are called upon to approach the undersigned along with the documents in support of such claim/ objections, if any within 7 days from this date. In the event of no such claims are received, it would be presumed that, no third party is having any objections for my client to proceed with the sale transaction.

Name and address of the Advocate:
B.J. MAHESH, Advocate,
EESH & EESH ASSOCIATES,
No. 37, II Floor, Basco Court,
Gandhi Bazaar, Bangalore - 560 004.
Mobile No.9845149302

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, my client Sri A.P. Shanmugham, S/o Late Sri Perumal and Smt. Shanmugavalli A., R/at No. 204/1, 3rd Main, 5th Cross, Chamarajpet Bangalore -560018 intends to purchase the Schedule Property from Sri R.H. Vinay Bhushan, Sri R.H. Vikram children of Late Sri R. Hanumanthaiah & Smt. H. Nalluramma both are R/at No. 206, P & E Block, Magan Silver Hills, 1st main, Naidu layout, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore -61 who represents that they are the sole and absolute owners in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property and which is free from all kinds of encumbrances whatsoever and that there are no third party claims or rights on the Schedule Property.

Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or having any objection/s about the above mentioned transaction may write to the undersigned within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary evidence, on which they are basing their claim, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s, objection/s of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable commercial property bearing **No. 3/3,** old No. 3, situated at 4th A Main Road, Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi, Bangalore -04, approximately totally measuring 1056 Sqft, along with the building having RCC roofing, Vitrified tiled flooring, jungle wood doors and windows with Civic Amenities, presently coming within the jurisdiction of the BBMP, Bangalore, ward No. 167, together with all appurtenances whether situated on below or above the surface and bounded

East by : Private Property,
West by : K.R. Road,
North by : 4th A Main Road,
South by : Private Property.

M. MUNEGOWDA
Advocate and Consultant
No. 64/1, S.M. Plaza, 2nd Floor,
Dr. D.V.G. Road, Basavanagudi,
Bangalore -04.
Ph: 9342878205; Dated: 27/01/2021

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. IRIDM-SBC -MECH-01-2021, Dt. 29.01.2021

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders (IREPS) for the following works :

Description
Schedule - I. Indian Railway Institute of Disaster Management /Bengaluru - outsourcing of round the clock (24 x7) Hostel Management activities at Indian Railway Institute of Disaster Management (IRIDM), Kanmanike Village, Bangalore - 560074 including supply of one skilled care taker one skilled Warden and one un-skilled attendant per shift for three shifts per day for a period of one year on contract basis.
SL.1 One Skilled / clerical caretaker & one skilled/clerical warden round the clock in three shifts for a period of one year on contract basis (2 skilled / clerical staff). For class 'A' Area skilled / clerical person: Basic + VDA (777) + EPF@12% (93.24) + ESI @ 4% (31.08) = Rs.901.32 Skilled one warden & one skilled care taker per shift *3 shifts= 6 men/day X 901.32 Rs/ person X 365 Days (1 year). **No.of Labours per day -** 06 Men. **Rate for one man per day in RS. As per existing VDA rates-** Rs. 901.32 **Rate per men-day in- Rs.** 5407. 92 (6*901.32) Days). **Total value for One year i.e.365** days (Rate * 9 men 35 days) Rs.19,73,890.80 (6*901.32*365).
2 One un skilled attendant round the clock in three shifts for a period of one year on contract basis (1 unskilled staff). **For Class 'A' Area Un-Skilled person:** Basic + VDA (639) +EPF@ 12%(76.68) + ESI @ 4% (25.56) = Rs. 741.24 One Un skilled attendant per shift* 3 Shifts =3 Men/day x 741.24 Rs/person x 365 Days (1 year). **No.of Labours per day-** 03 Men **Rate for one man per day in Rs. As per existing VDA rates.**-Rs. 741.24 **Rate per men-day in** Rs. - 2223.72 (3*741.24) **Total value for One year i.e.365** days (Rate* 9 men* 35 Days) Rs.8,11,657.80 (3*741.24*365)
Total of Schedule - I (GST extra as applicable) Rs. 27,85,548.60

Last date for submission of bids:
Up to 15:00 hrs. of 02.03.2021

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Indian Railway Institute of Disaster Management, Bengaluru

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CAVE-IN CASUALTIES

Three teenage boys playing on the bank of a dry river were buried alive when a mound of clay caved in on them near Khavda village in Bhuj tehsil of Gujarat's Kutch district, an official said on Monday

42 PEAKS IN UTTARKHAND TO OPEN FOR ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	17	Mumbai	32	23
Bhopal	30	11	Panaji	33	22
Jaipur	27	14	Patna	23	09
Amritsar	20	09	Lucknow	22	13
Chennai	29	21	Port Blair	31	24
Kolkata	23	12	Imphal	24	05
Srinagar	03	-2	Chandigarh	27	10

Nationwide roadblock by farmers on Feb 6

Highways will be blocked between 12 pm and 3 pm; unions form panel to trace persons missing since R-day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chandigarh/Noida

PROTESTING farmers have announced their next plan. The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) said on Monday they would go on a nationwide three-hour *chakka jam* (road blockade) on February 6. SKM is the umbrella organisation of farmer unions in their fight against three controversial agriculture laws.

The decision to stage a nationwide protest was taken at a meeting at Singhu border. "There will be a country-wide agitation on February 6 and we will block national highways and state highways between 12 pm and 3 pm," said Balbir Singh Rajewal, president of Bharatiya Kisan Union, Punjab (Rajewal).

Farmer leaders are also worried that 110-odd persons are missing since the Republic Day unrest in Delhi. "A seven-member committee has been formed by the Morcha to talk to central government and Delhi Police officials to trace the missing people. The committee will file a report," said Harinder Singh Lakhowal, general-secretary of BKU (Lakhowal).

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh said a helpline number (112) has been set up to report about the persons missing after the Republic Day tractor march. The state's Advocate General has appointed 70 lawyers to provide free legal aid to farmers facing cases in the national capital.

"Our hearts are with those fighting for their rights at the Delhi borders," said Amarinder. "We will do everything possible to locate those who are missing. We are trying to get details and will ensure that they return home," said the CM in a virtual event attended by the heads of various villages.

4th mahapanchayat

The movement is gaining momentum in Uttar Pradesh too. A fourth mahapanchayat in as many days was held on Monday in Bijnor. Hundreds of farmers and locals from Bijnor and surrounding areas joined the meeting which had several regional farmer leaders in attendance. The previous mahapanchayats had taken place in Muzaffarnagar, Mathura and Baghpat. The Bijnor mahapanchayat also featured Rashtriya Lok Dal vice-president Jayant Chaudhary. "Chalo Bijnor", tweeted Chaudhary, who had also attended the Muzaffarnagar mahapanchayat.

(Clockwise from top) Spikes installed on road near the barricades to stop farmers from crossing Tikri border; Congress MPs Ravneet Singh Bittu (L) and Gurjeet Aujla stage a protest at Parliament; barbed wires at Ghazipur border | PTI, SHEKHAR YADAV

Deeply concerned over military coup in Myanmar: India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

INDIA on Monday expressed "deep concern" over the detention of popular leader Aung San Suu Kyi by Myanmar army and said that democratic process and rule of law must be upheld. "We have noted the developments in Myanmar with deep concern. India has always been steadfast in its support to the process of democratic transition in Myanmar. We believe that the rule of law and the democratic process must be upheld. We are monitoring the situation closely," a statement from the ministry of external affairs said.

The Myanmar military, in early morning raids, staged a coup and detained Suu Kyi and several leaders of her democratically-elected National League for Democracy (NLD) party. The military said that it had taken control of the State and declared an emergency for a period of one year while restricting phone and Internet services. State-run TV channels went off the air hours before the national parliament was to convene for the first time since the NLD's landslide election win in November last year.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken expressed grave concerns at the detention of the leaders and urged Myanmar's military to reverse its actions immediately.

India has a good relationship with both the civilian government as well as military leaders. It has maintained rapport with military leaders keeping the threat of Chinese aggression in mind. Last year, India had delivered two Kilo-class submarines to the Myanmar military.

250 Twitter accounts temporarily suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Centre on Monday directed Twitter to block around 250 tweets/twitter accounts, including those of news website Caravan, late actor Sushant Singh, CPI(M) leader Md Salim, AAP MLA Jarnail Singh and many others who have been tweeting in support of the farmer agitation.

The accounts of several farmer organisations such as Kisan Ekta Morcha, and activist Hansraj Meena, were also suspended. However, the suspension of accounts was temporary and hours later, most accounts were restored.

Twitter said the suspension of the accounts was in response to a "legal demand". However, the action faced flak from several quarters. Sources said Twitter itself took up the matter with the government stating that the contents being posted by the accounts were not in violation of its policy.

"In our continuing effort to make our services available to people everywhere, if we receive a properly scoped request from an authorized entity, it may be necessary to withhold access to certain content in a particular country from time to time. Transparency is vital to protecting freedom of expression, so we have a notice policy for withheld content," said a Twitter spokesperson.

The direction to suspend the accounts was passed by the Ministry of IT on the request from the MHA. Prominent people whose accounts were suspended also included economist Ajit Ranade, parody account @EpicRoflDon and Prasar Bharati CEO S S Vempati, among others. However, Vempati's account suspension was a mistake, sources said.

80-year-old among 122 arrested people

New Delhi: Eighty-year-old Gurmukh Singh, hailing from Fatehgarh district of Punjab, is among the oldest of 122 people who have been arrested by the Delhi Police in connection with the violence that broke out on the Republic Day. On Monday, the police released a list of those against whom FIRs have been registered and those detained on their official website. Amongst the 122 detained, five are above the age of 60.

EMBASSY BLAST

Netanyahu speaks to Modi, thanks govt for measures

NEW DELHI: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday had a telephonic conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the aftermath of Friday's minor blast near the Israeli Embassy in New Delhi and thanked the Indian government for its efforts to safeguard Israeli representatives. "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke today by telephone with Indian Prime Minister @narendramodi and thanked him for his government's efforts to safeguard Israeli representatives in the aftermath of the terrorist event near the Israeli Embassy in India," he tweeted. Meanwhile, a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs said that Prime Minister conveyed his strong condemnation of the terror attack. "He assured Prime Minister Netanyahu that India accords the highest importance to the safety and security of Israeli diplomats and premises, and would deploy all its resources to find and punish the perpetrators," the statement added. Central agencies like the NSG and the NIA are probing the blast. *ENS*

IN SUPREME COURT

PLEA SEEKS LAW TO REGULATE SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Monday sought responses from the Centre and others on a plea seeking framing of law to regulate social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter and make them responsible for allegedly spreading fake news and hate speeches.

A bench comprising Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian issued notices to the Centre and others on the plea and tagged it with a pending petition which has sought setting up of a media tribunal to adjudicate on complaints against the media, channels and networks.

> **Freedom of speech and expression is a complex right as it may be subject to reasonable restrictions and it is not absolute and carries with it special duties and responsibilities**
>
> Advocate Vineet Jindal, petitioner

The apex court was hearing a petition filed by advocate Vineet Jindal who has sought directions to the Centre to frame law for prosecuting those involved in spreading hate and fake news through social media platforms.

The plea has sought directions to the authorities concerned for establishing a mechanism for automatic removal of fake news and hate speeches within a short time frame. It said that freedom of speech and expression is a complex right as it may be subject to reasonable restrictions and it is not absolute and carries with it special duties and responsibilities.

The plea, while saying that reach of social media is much wider than traditional media, has also referred to a few communal violence incidents in the country where social media was misused.

On January 25, the top court had sought responses from the Centre, Press Council of India (PCI) and News Broadcasters Association (NBA) on a separate PIL which has sought setting up of a media tribunal to adjudicate on complaints against media, channels and networks. *PTI*

PHYSICAL HEARING TO RESTART IN A LIMITED WAY

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India S A Bobde told the bar leaders on Monday that physical hearing in the Supreme Court will soon resume in a hybrid manner amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the Bar Council of India (BCI) has said. "The Chief Justice of India made it clear that the judges of Supreme Court themselves are willing to restart the open court hearings but there are medical and technical issues which the registry of Supreme Court of India is trying to sort out and solve. Therefore, it will be done gradually," said a press release issued by BCI Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra.

EXPRESS READ

Bengal BJP seeks nod for 5 mega roadshows

Kolkata: The West Bengal BJP has sought permission from state home secretary for conducting five roadshows which will be flagged off from separate locations under the banner 'Parivartan Yatra'. The saffron party plans to start the yatras from February 6. Sources in the state BJP said party heavyweights including Union Home Minister Amit Shah and party national president JP Nadda are likely to participate in the events. "The five yatras will be mega events to show our strength," said a BJP leader. The first roadshow will start from Nabadwip in Nadia district.

Kids given sanitiser instead of vaccine

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN a shocking incident, 12 children in Yawatmal district of Maharashtra were given hand sanitiser instead of oral polio drops during the Pulse Polio vaccination drive on Monday. Three ASHA workers were suspended for "negligence" in connection with the incident.

Confirming the incident, Shrikirhsna Panchal, CEO of Yawatmal Zilla Parished, said they probed the incident and suspended the three health workers who were responsible for the incident. The children are safe, he further said.

During the polio drive, health workers in Kopsi Kopari village had administered hand sanitiser instead of polio vaccine.

Panchal said after reports of this unfortunate incident surfaced, the authorities ordered for an immediate inquiry.

"We had given them (health workers) 15-day training on giving the doses and keeping the doses safe. But they did not follow the guidelines. We had also instructed them to sanitise their hands as well as that of the children before administering the drops. However, instead of using the sanitiser for that purpose, they administered it to the children," Panchal said.

"We cannot afford such kind of negligence in a national health program. Therefore, immediate action was taken against them," he added.

Social activist Kishor Tiwari demanded a high-level probe in to the incident. He suspected that since the village panchayat elections were recently concluded, there was a need to check whether the incident was part of sabotage as vendetta. "We need to check all angles while probing this case and the administration should take precaution so that such incidents never repeat. It is really shocking that after several years of successful polio drive such an incident took place," he said.

Survey begins at K'taka-Andhra border

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

AS per guidelines of the Supreme Court, Survey of India officials have once again started survey of the Karnataka-Andhra Pradesh interstate border at Ballari. This is the second such survey taken up since November 2020.

The survey work was taken up on Monday from Tamati to Vitalapura in Sandur taluk and Obulapuram Mining Company, which is located in Andhra Pradesh.

Social activists from Ballari are demanding that the official team not depend on the map of 1896 sketched by the British. There have been large-scale alterations that must be rectified, they demand.

Tapal Ganesh, a mining activist, said that the survey team must look into village boundaries before coming to a conclusion of the interstate border.

"Even the SC has directed the survey team to use the British map only for reference. The team is here once again and we are not sure about the outcome," he said, going on to add, "The British drafted village boundaries to separate them from forest areas, which were altered later. Hence, we request the team to look at a village map than doing a mere survey." Officials from both states were present during the survey.

The survey work was taken up on Monday from Tamati to Vitalapura in Sandur taluk and Obulapuram Mining Company in Andhra Pradesh | EXPRESS

Apni Mandis restart after a gap of 10 months

After being closed for around ten months due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Apni Mandis here restarted on Monday and would run as per the old schedule. Apni Mandis function by allotting venues to farmers and vendors to set up small stalls to trade their crops. There would be no cap on the number of visitors at these mandis as long as Covid protocols including social distancing and wearing facemasks are maintained. Earlier, the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation had written to Punjab Mandi Board to restart the mandis. A decision is this regard was taken by Chandigarh administrator and Punjab governor VP Singh Badnore on January 25.

HARPREET BAJWA
Our correspondent in Chandigarh
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CHANDIGARH DIARY

Covid takes colour away from Rose Festival this year

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation had decided against organising Rose Festival this year in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic. The corporation has decided to symbolically organise the festival and honor Covid frontline workers, including doctors and healthcare staff, who worked round-the-clock to bring the infection under control in the city. Also, the civic body will felicitate gardeners and other workers of the Rose Garden. The decision was taken recently during the general house meeting of the civic body where most of the councillors raised concern against conducting the festival which generally draws huge crowds. During the 2020 festival, as many as be 800 varieties of roses were on display in 1,400 flower beds spread over 30 acres.

Market associations to run parking lots

If all goes as per plan, the market associations in Chandigarh would run the parking lots in the internal markets of various sectors of the city for free or by charging a nominal fee, as the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation will soon sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard. The issue was discussed in the general house meeting of the municipal corporation recently. The city has around 80 such small parking lots in the internal markets which have no parking attendants and their parking is often chaotic. The Chandigarh Beopar Mandal has discussed this issue with the market associations also.

Civic body to collect horticulture waste twice a week

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation has decided to collect horticulture waste twice a week from across the city. Resident Welfare Associations in the city have been raising this demand for a long time. Councillors too have been urging the civic body to fix particular days for corporation vehicles to lift the waste which is generally dumped in parks as well as in open areas outside houses. The vehicles of Sehaj Safai Kendras, which used to carry general waste to garbage processing plant and are being phased out, would be utilised for the purpose.

EDITORIAL

"You want to save the world, don't you? Can you save the world before saving yourself? And what does 'being saved' mean? Saved from what? From illusion. Salvation is seeing things as they are

Nisargadatta Maharaj

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— Ramnath Goenka

PUSH FOR GROWTH THROUGH INFRA SPENDS BUT HIGH DEFICIT LOOMS LARGE

Corporates and income earners in the higher brackets were bracing themselves for increased taxation. There were rumours before the Budget about a smack-on-the-face coming with higher wealth tax or a Covid cess. When these did not happen—in fact the income tax slabs have been left untouched—there was a welcome sigh of relief, and the Budget looked much better than it was! At the same time, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman pulled out a few aces by softening some draconian income tax provisions and making the regulatory system easier. The Damocles sword of having your IT returns opened up even after six years has now been softened to just three years. A national faceless IT Appellate Tribunal has been set up and dispute resolution made easier.

On the macro-plane, the Budget has identified the right buttons to press for post-Covid growth. There is high spending on infrastructure and a capital expenditure outlay of ₹5.54 lakh crore (compared to ₹4.41 crore last year) will go towards building roads and improving urban life. This will all add up to stoking demand for manufacturing and thus generate jobs and give a lifeline to small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Significantly, 11,000 km of road building has been projected, but the bulk of the allocations are in the four poll-bound states Tamil Nadu will receive ₹1.03 lakh crore, Kerala ₹65,000 crore and Bengal ₹25,000 crore. If polls are held as per BJP policy simultaneously once in five years, the cash-strapped states will get nothing. Ironically, the current cycle of state elections works better in loosening the purse strings of politicians.

Health and wellness have similarly received a much-needed boost. The government has proposed a ₹2.24 lakh crore budgetary outlay compared to the current fiscal's ₹94,452 crore, an increase of 137%. In addition, the FM announced the PM's Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana of ₹64,180 crore to boost healthcare infrastructure across the country, as well as ₹35,000 crore for Covid-19 vaccines. There is also some fresh thinking evident in the Budget proposals to improve the travails of modern, urban life. For the first time, we are seeing an outlay of ₹2,217 crore to counter air pollution and a vehicle scrapping policy being introduced that will outlaw old commercial and passenger vehicles.

Many of these figures are misleading, though, and seem larger than they are. For instance, healthcare. The US spends the largest on healthcare at 14.3% of its GDP, Germany spends 9.7% and Norway 8.6%. India is almost at the bottom of the table with a spend of just 1.8% of GDP last fiscal, and with these spends, we may cross 2%. Then, water and sanitation get clubbed with healthcare, boosting numbers. Seeing the impact of Covid-19 should have made the government sensitive to spending four-five times the current levels over the next five years if we are serious about healthcare. Another outlay that looks big is the ₹1.42 lakh crore proposed for the Urban Swachh Bharat Mission. Read the fine print and it is an outlay over five years! An outlay of about ₹28,000 crore annually to improve sewage disposal and water supply for 300+ Indian cities with a population over 1 lakh is not even a drop in the ocean.

Given the ongoing farm agitation, there were expectations of a strong budgetary intervention to improve farm conditions. However, all we saw was the FM reeling off a comparative table of expenditure incurred on minimum price support (MSP) activity for paddy, wheat, pulses and cotton. It may be ammunition against the government's detractors, but how did it find place in the Union Budget? The only positive note on this front was the announcement of the development of five fishing harbours and an allocation for seaweed farming in TN. Strangely, despite the hostile build-up on our border with China, defence finds no mention in the Budget. There is little to help for the states too.

Overall, the pandemic has taken its toll and the government's balancing of revenue and expenditure are in tatters. The indicator is the government conceding that the fiscal deficit for the current financial year has shot up to 9.5% of GDP and that it is still scouting for ₹80,000 crore in borrowings for the remaining portion of the year. For FY2022, the fiscal deficit has been estimated at 6.8% of GDP. Going by the extended impact of the pandemic and the lack of fresh revenue-raising proposals, the deficit will probably be far larger and survival on large borrowings will be a much longer spell than government optimism indicates.

Budgets have become simpler and more transparent. Taxes are headed towards stability, though that's still a work in progress

WITH REFORMS ABOUT CHOICE, EFFICIENCY TOO, A WELCOME BUDGET

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Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the PM. Views are personal

TAPAS RANJAN

There was a day and age when Budget lectures were common and people thronged to hear them. I don't mean only Nani Palkhivala's Budget lectures. There were others too. We thronged to hear them because (a) taxes changed every year; (b) provisions weren't transparent; and (c) chartered accountants and lawyers were needed to interpret the Finance Bill. Times have changed and this isn't only because analysts dissect Budgets threadbare on television and social media. Budgets have become simpler and more transparent. Taxes are headed towards stability, though that's still a work in progress. As citizens, we sometimes retain the mindset of Narayan Dutt Tiwari's "*sindoor*" Budget of 1988-89. In reacting to the Union Budget, we ask: How have taxes changed? Taxes can mean domestic indirect taxes, customs duties or direct taxes. Domestic indirect taxes are the purview of the GST Council. The GST hasn't yet reached its terminal goal, with a three-tier structure, and not all items are part of it. The FM could have tinkered with products not yet part of the GST. However, she has rightly refrained and the speech states, "As Chairperson of the Council, I want to assure the House that we shall take every possible measure to smoothen the GST further, and remove anomalies such as the inverted duty structure." For both direct and indirect taxes, the objective is removal of exemptions. Indeed, for direct taxes, there is the option of choosing a no-exemption channel.

The customs duty structure is still somewhat messy, compounded by RTAs (regional trade agreements). Revamping RTAs is something that will occur outside the Budget. In the Budget, "Last year, we started overhauling the Customs Duty structure, eliminating 80 outdated exemptions. ... I now propose to review more than 400 old exemptions this year. We will conduct this through extensive consultations, and from 1 October 2021, we will put in place a revised customs duty structure, free of distortions." For all taxes, exemptions increase compliance costs and enrich CAs and lawyers. Therefore, we should be happy: (a) there are few changes in direct taxes and customs duties (apart from some rationalisation); (b) no additional tax exemptions have been given across the board; (c) there are no additional cesses (Covid was a convenient trigger) and surcharges; and (d) there have been several procedural improvements in tax administration. For instance, "I therefore propose to reduce this time limit for reopening of assessment to three years from the present six years." Or, "We shall establish a National Faceless Income Tax Appellate Tribunal Centre." I have met several people who complain (rightly or wrongly) about harassment and rent-seeking by tax departments. Irrespective of whether the allegation is true or false, we should welcome anonymity and reduction in the human interface.

Other than taxes, we have often looked at Union Budgets with the prism of expenditure and typically applaud Part A of the speech. About two-thirds of public expenditure is actually done by state governments and there are recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission on tax devolution. Some items of expenditure (wages, pensions, interest payments) are also fixed for the FM in the short-turn. The challenge was to increase expenditure on (a) health; (b) physical infrastructure; and (c) capital expenditure, while bearing the above points in mind, without being fiscally profligate. Expenditure reform is still a work in progress, both at Union and state government levels. It hasn't progressed as far as tax reform has. But to that end, "On the recommendation of the Fifteenth Finance Commission, we have undertaken a detailed exercise to rationalise and bring down the number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes."

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In 2020-21, real GDP is estimated to have declined by 7.7%. With that resultant low base, what kind of real GDP growth is expected for 2021-22? Most independent analysts will say at least 10%, probably closer to 11%. With inflation (measured by the GDP deflator) approaching something like 5%, most people will expect nominal GDP growth of almost 16%. In framing a Budget, the temptation is always to overestimate revenue and underestimate expenditure. Unrealistic tax revenue targets also exert pressure on tax departments and lead to harassment of taxpayers. The Budget actually expects 14.4% nominal growth, on the conservative side. None of the components of tax revenue or expenditure projections look unrealistic. Some people might cavil at the ₹1,75,000 crore disinvestment receipts, contrasting it with the dismal performance in 2020-21. That's an unfair comment, because (a) 2020-21 was an exceptional year; and (b) the Budget contemplates an aggressive plan of privatisation/disinvestment and asset monetisation. "Other than IDBI Bank, we propose to take up the privatisation of two Public Sector Banks and one General Insurance company in the year 2021-22. This would require legislative amendments and I propose to introduce the amendments in this Session itself." Sure, legislation must be changed. But the intent is aggressive, as is the statement about liberalising FDI in insurance.

When considering the fiscal deficit/GDP ratio of 6.8% in 2021-22, one must also remember the Union government has been far more transparent in its Budget numbers since May 2014. "In the July 2019-2020 Budget, I introduced the Statement 27 on Extra Budgetary Resources—it disclosed the borrowings of government agencies that went towards funding GoI schemes, and whose repayment burden was on the government. In my 2020-2021 Budget, I enhanced the scope and coverage of the Statement, by including the loans provided by the government to the FCI. Taking a step further in this direction, I propose to discontinue the NSSF Loan to FCI for Food Subsidy and accordingly Budget Provisions have been made in RE 2020-21 and BE 2021-22." Several reforms (power distribution, gold exchanges, portability of welfare measures) are also about choice and efficiency. That's what non-*sindoor* Budgets should be about.

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ATMANIRBHAR OR THE CENTRE IS NOT CAPABLE OF HELPING YOU OUT

RAJEEV GOWDA

Chairman of the Congress party's Research Department and former MP

In the Covid era, every Indian's mantra is Survive, Revive and Thrive. To fulfil their aspirations, the government needed to offer a Budget that recognised the pain they have gone through, found ways to lift them up and equipped them with the resources to face the future. On the Himalayan slopes, India's soldiers were looking at New Delhi for the best of weapons to confront their challengers. Smt Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget failed to deliver on these and other crucial fronts.

The Finance Minister did not even mention defence in her speech. When we examine the figures, the defence budget has effectively remained stagnant with a mere 1% growth in expenditure. This increase does not even account for inflation, let alone the cost of upgrading the 68% of our weapons that are "vintage". Under the Modi government, defence expenditure as a share of GDP has consistently fallen, while the gap between the military's requirements and funding widens. What message are we sending to our brave jawans?

As with jawans, so with kisans. Allocations for agriculture and allied activities have been reduced. PM-KISAN faces a 13% cut, while market intervention and price support were slashed by 22%. Agriculture alone saw positive growth this year, when Q1 GDP had crashed by 24%. Rural India's lifeline—MGNREGA—has seen a cut in allocation. The government continues to claim that it is providing a Minimum Support Price of 50% more than the cost of cultivation, whereas most farmers are forced to accept prices below MSP. Further, the government's definition of MSP is inconsistent with the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee, to the detriment of the farmer.

An agri-infra cess at ₹2.5 on petrol and ₹4 on diesel has been introduced. The Central government's cesses have led to higher prices across the board, triggered inflation and hurt poorer sections disproportionately. There is a school of thought, which finds support in this government, that believes farmers to be freeloaders and calls for taxing agriculture. This group refuses to see how farmers indirectly subsidise a host of programmes. Higher levies on diesel are in large part borne by farmers.

Cesses are not shareable with the states. Revenues from cesses go only to the Union government while state governments will continue to be obligated to spend on agriculture and infrastructure despite significantly lower allocations. Squeezing states of finances has been a consistent policy of this government. GST revenues were not shared as per the historic agreement that got states to give up their taxation powers and they were forced to borrow—at higher costs—to cope with Covid.

Winning elections is more important to the Modi sarkar than governing. Thus, the Budget brazenly prioritised election-going states over others. The South Indian states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana contribute handsomely to the Union government's treasury and receive only a fraction of the revenues. Yet, infrastructure projects were announced only for Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal and Assam. Should Karnataka, which Madam Finance Minister represents, suffer because elections are not scheduled this year?

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), India's principal job-creating sector, received a cursory allocation of ₹15,700 crore. Does the minister honestly believe this is enough to cater to the needs of six crore units across India that are in dire straits and have either shed jobs or closed down?

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This Budget has not signalled any intent to rationalise and simplify the Goods and Services Tax (GST). The focus is on disinvestment and privatisation. Unfortunately, under this government, that can only mean panic privatisation and cronyism.

The banking sector is on the verge of a mega NPA crisis after the Covid lockdown. The RBI estimates that Gross NPA of public sector banks could touch as much as 16.2% by September 2021. Yet, the FM has allotted only ₹20,000 crore for bank recapitalisation. Banks will be averse to lending unless they have adequate capital infusion from the government. Whither revival? The government has proposed the aggregation of NPAs into a "bad bank," but without serious reforms to bank management, removal of political pressure in loan decision-making and the deepening of India's bond market, this solution is just a band-aid for a deep structural problem.

Given the Covid-related disruption to schooling and the urgent concern about mass dropouts, education desperately requires resources. It faced an overall cut in allocations by 6.13%. Despite the Budgetary target of 6% of GDP set by the National Education Policy, the Departments of both School Education and Higher Education had their budgets slashed.

The fifth round of the National Family Health Survey shows that across India, malnutrition has worsened for children born between 2014 and 2019. At least one of the three key indicators of childhood undernutrition—stunting, wasting, underweight—has gone up in 14 out of 17 states. Instead of acknowledging and addressing this crisis, the Finance Minister gave us an eyewash by merging existing central schemes into "Poshan 2.0", with an allocation that is barely 0.3% higher than its cash-starved predecessors. Overall, allocation for nutrition has fallen by 27% year-on-year. Clearly, this government does not value the health of the poor.

The Budget touts an astronomical 137% increase in healthcare outlay. This increase has been accomplished through some statistical skulduggery. Allocations for Water and Sanitation and the Finance Commission grants (₹49,214 crore) were added to the Healthcare outlay along with the one-time cost of Covid vaccinations (₹35,000 crore).

I am today reminded of Saint Basaveshwara's words: *kaLabEDa, kolabEDa, husiya nudiyalu bEDa*, which means, "Do not steal, do not kill, do not lie."

For this government, it reads:

Do not squeeze our poor through taxes and cesses

Do not let bad policies ruin our farmers

Do not fudge data and destroy India's credibility

Sadly, the Budget's theme song of Atmanirbhar is actually a warning to the people of India. The government is not capable of helping you out. You're on your own! Take care!

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Digital India

The presentation of the Union Budget by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was a historic event as this is the first one to be paperless. Sitharaman was seen holding a small gadget containing the documents. This is digital India and shows we are moving forward.

Rajakumar Arulanandham, Palayamkottai

Paperless Budget

The decision to go paperless for the Budget was great. The FM's suggestion to promote ministry activities through extensive outreach programmes across social media platforms will result in effective communication.

Varun Dambal, Bengaluru

Cheering markets, but...

Budget 2021 is long on hope and short on fear. The FM produced a Budget with growth as the core. The move to go for higher borrowing and privatise some PSU banks are seminal changes that cheered the markets up. But it is disappointing for the common man, battered by job loss, pay cuts and inflation.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Not for the common man?

The Budget can be termed as a pro-capitalist one and is not great for the salaried class. Due to Covid, more people are dependent on online work and study, but mobile phone costs have increased.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

New cess on fuel

The Budget has been quite disappointing for the common man. The introduction of additional cess in the name of agri infrastructure and development on already burgeoning fuel prices could prove to be a burden. Had the MGNREGA got substantial allocations, it could have provided great relief to many.

D V G Sankararao, Vizianagaram

Looking after pensioners

The proposal to exempt pensioners aged 75 and above from filing income tax returns is a huge relief for senior citizens. This shows that their interests are being looked after by the government.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Good prospects for all

In the proposed Budget, senior citizens above 75 are taken care of as they need not submit the usual returns. By proposing huge funds for the health and farming sectors, the Budget is ensuring good prospects for all.

P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar

Nothing for salaried class

One the one hand, the Budget focused on farmers, health, education, houses for all and the overall development of India, which is a good sign. On the other hand, the salaried class has not been taken care of. Senior citizens fully dependent on their deposit interest have been ignored.

K Ragavan, Bengaluru

Boon for the elderly

The fact that many senior citizens need not file tax returns the coming year is a great move done by the finance ministry for the elderly. The privilege announced in this year's Budget is a boon for old people all over the country.

P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Calling bluff of agitators

The statistics on the increase in procurement and the number of farmers who were benefited across the spectrum given out by the finance minister has literally called the bluff of the agitating farmers and their vested interests. Hope good sense prevails on them at least now.

R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

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UNION BUDGET 2021-22

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137% hike for health, but experts say read fine print

HEALTH

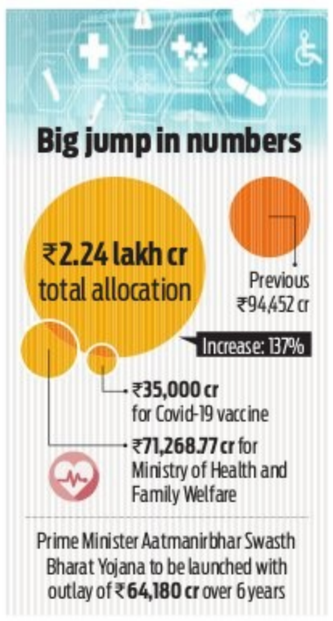
SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday announced a hike of 137 per cent in the health budget for the coming fiscal as compared to the last year, but a closer look at the allocation shows that the increase in the budget for core areas is just about 9 per cent.

If the revised estimate of ₹82,445 crore for the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for last year is taken into account, the proposed budget of ₹73,932 crore for the ministry is actually lesser by 11.5 per cent, even as the battle with Covid-19 pandemic continues.

The budget proposals for 2021-2022 rest on six pillars, said Sitharaman, naming health and well-being ahead of five others. But the allocation in the sector did not reflect that sentiment even in a pandemic year, felt many public health experts and health economists.

"I have provided ₹35,000 crore for Covid-19 vaccine in this year 2021-22. I am committed to providing further funds if required. So, the budget outlay for health and well-being is ₹2,23,846 crore in 2021-22 as against only ₹94,452 crore in 2020-21 and it marks an increase of 137 per cent," said Sitharaman in her speech.


Big jump in numbers
₹2.24 lakh cr total allocation
Previous ₹94,452 cr
Increase: 137%
₹35,000 cr for Covid-19 vaccine
₹71,268.77 cr for Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Prime Minister Aatmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana to be launched with outlay of ₹64,180 cr over 6 years

An analysis of the proposed outlay, however, reveals that of about ₹2.24 lakh crore shown as proposed expenditure towards health, while over ₹60,000 crore is for the department of drinking water and sanitation, ₹35,000 crore is for Covid-19 vaccination — a one-time activity.

Other significant spendings — to the tune of ₹49,000 crore — are Finance Commission grants for health and water and sanitation, which will again be a one-time allocation. Some experts did not mince words in saying that they were disappointed with the budget proposed for health.

"If this is how the government treats it in a pandemic year, then I do not know how does it take its own promise of spending 2.5% of the GDP on health by 2025, which is looking almost an unachievable target given the trend," a public health specialist, on condition of anonymity, said.

Health researcher Oommen John said: "After discounting for the vaccination campaign allocation, there needs to be targeted financing of strengthening primary care, diagnostics and continuum of care."

He added: "As strategic purchasing of health services is not a long-term solution, health systems strengthening is critical, trust appropriate allocations for the same has been considered."

VILLAGES, FARMERS AT HEART OF BUDGET: PM

APPLAUSE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN the face of unabated farmers' protests against the contentious farm laws, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said villages and farmers are at the heart of this year's budget. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also reeled out statistics to stress that public procurement of food grains has seen significant improvement, while committing to further strengthen the APMC in the budget proposals.

"The Budget has many provisions for the agriculture sector and increasing farmer's income. Farmers will get easy and more credit. Provisions have been made for strengthening APMC and the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. This shows that villages and farmers are at the heart of the Budget," Modi said. Asserting that the Budget showcased India's self-belief, the PM said, "It will infuse new confidence in the world in these difficult times. The principles behind the Budget include expansion of new opportunities for growth, new opportunities for the youth, giving new dimension to human resources, infrastructure development and helping new sectors grow."

Hailing the budgetary proposals, BJP chief J P Nadda said that they will enhance the ease of living while Home Minister Amit Shah said the Budget demonstrated the government's commitment towards the farmers.

The total outlay for the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Ministry is 5.63% more this time at ₹1,31,531 crore, half of which is to be spent on the flagship PM-KISAN scheme. An allocation of ₹65,000 crore has been made for the big-ticket scheme under which the Centre transfers ₹6,000 directly into the bank accounts of beneficiary farmers in three equal installments every year. The agriculture infrastructure fund has been raised from ₹208 crore to ₹900 crore while the allocation for formation and promotion of 10,000 farmer producer groups has been increased from ₹250 crore to ₹700 crore.

REACTIONS

This will pave the way for a self-reliant India, a $5 trillion economy and double the income of farmers... Our sensitive PM has announced ₹35,000 crore fund for vaccination against coronavirus

Amit Shah, Home Minister

She deceived the people of India, especially the poor... industrial units that had been closed down permanently

P Chidambaram, Cong leader

₹35,000 cr allocated for Covid-19 vaccines and the commitment to provide further support as needed will help end this pandemic

Harsh Vardhan, health minister

At a time when scientists gave life to the people by inventing vaccine, the budget has again put the public on the path of death

Ajit Pawar, Maharashtra Finance Minister

Providing benefits to each section of society during tough times of COVID-19, India has been marching forward on all frontiers

Shivraj Singh Chouhan, MP CM

Budget is anti-farmer, anti-poor & anti common man. Centre has punished Punjabis for peaceful agitation against farm laws

Sukhbir Singh Badal, SAD chief

Agriculture infra fund to strengthen the mandis

FARMING

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN what can be perceived as a move to assuage the farmers' concerns on minimum support price and the mandi system, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said a part of the Budget allocation for agriculture would be spent on developing infrastructure of APMCs.

The government is committed to farmers' welfare, Sitharaman asserted. Dismissed the apprehensions that farm laws would weaken the mandis, the finance minister said the APMCs mandis will be strengthened with financial support from the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. The Budget proposed that 1,000 APMCs will be connected to the e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM).

Highlighting the NDA government's commitment to doubling farmers' income, Sitharaman said, "The MSP regime has undergone a change to assure a price that is at least 1.5 times the cost of production across all commodities. Procurement has also continued to increase at a steady pace. This has resulted in increase in payment to farmers substantially." Citing wheat as an example, she said the MSP in 2013-14 was ₹33,874 crore which rose to ₹62,802 crore in 2019-20 and ₹75,060 crore in 2020-21. "Over 43.36 lakh wheat growing farmers benefited from the Centre's MSP procurement scheme against 35.57 lakh previously. Farmers (were) paid ₹75,100 crore on wheat MSP in FY21," Sitharaman said.

Farmers have been up in arms against the government over the three new agriculture laws, particularly over the issues of MSP and APMCs.

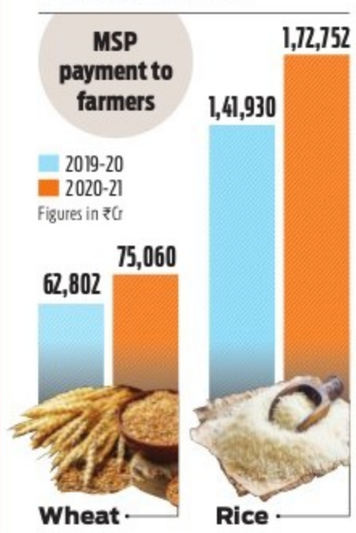
The Budget saw an increase in the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund to ₹40,000 crore and the doubling of the Micro Irrigaation Corpus to about ₹10,000 crore while agriculture credit has been raised to ₹16.5 lakh crore. Cotton farmers have also seen a sharp rise in the amount that was paid to them for procurement, according to the finance minister. "Cotton farmers saw a stupendous increase in the amount that was paid to them. In 2013-14, the amount was ₹90 crore which increased to over ₹25,000 crore in 2020-21, she said.

IN FARM FIELD

10% hike in farm loan disbursal.
Target: ₹16.5 lakh cr

Development cess of up to **100%** introduced to create post-harvest infrastructure. Govt to make sure there's no additional burden on consumers due to this

Allocation to Rural Infrastructure Development Fund raised from **₹30,000 cr to ₹40,000 cr**



4 poll-bound states given special sops

INFRA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WEST Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Kerala found special mention in the Union Budget speech of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday as she announced a massive infrastructure package for the four poll-bound states.

Sithraman announced ₹2.27 lakh highway projects, including infrastructure projects and welfare package for tea workers, for the four states amid approaching Assembly elections.

While the BJP has set eyes on Bengal, the party has a task to retain the power in Assam. Seen as a rank outsider, the BJP is seeking to lay grounds in Tamil Nadu and Kerala to build a base for the future.

In her budget speech, Sitharaman proposed to allocate ₹1.03 lakh crore for 3,500 km of the national highway in Tamil Nadu and ₹65,000 crore to build 1,100 km of the national highway in Kerala.

Sitharaman also covered the full electoral spectrum by proposing to allocate ₹34,000 crore for 1,300 km in Assam and ₹25,000 crore for 675 km of the national highway in West Bengal.

The miniter further sought to buoy the BJP's electoral campaign in West Bengal and Assam by proposing to devise a scheme with an allocation of ₹1,000 crore for the welfare of the tea workers in the two states. The BJP had been nursing the tea workers in Bengal and Assam, consisting mostly of migrants and tribals, as part of the poll preparations for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Additionally, she announced the allotment of ₹1,957 crore for the 11.5-km-long phase-II of the Kochi Metro Rail.

BOLD REFORMS IN VITAL SECTORS TO CATALYSE GROWTH

The Union Budget presented in the wake of the pandemic-led economic contraction lays out many proposals to strengthen the current V-shaped recovery and sets India on the path to high growth.We believe this budget has met the twin challenges of boosting growth while laying down a path to fiscal consolidation. It prioritises growth in the immediate term while taking a medium-term view of fiscal consolidation. It also has some path-breaking reforms.

With the overall expenditure at ₹34.83 lakh crores this year, quality of spending is moving in the right direction, as more money is being put into productive capital expenditure. Capital expenditure is slated to increase by a significant 37% over last year. As per RBI, capital expenditure by the central government has a multiplier effect of 2.45 in the year the expenditure is incurred and 3.14 in the succeeding year. Therefore, higher government capital expenditure will boost demand and have a significant impact on growth.

Chandrajit Banerjee
Director General, CII

The government must focus on implementing the disinvestment and privatisation programme to generate revenues. The target of ₹175,000 crore through this mode is realistic, which the government must strive to achieve. Asset monetisation has also received mention in the finance minister's speech. There is potential for raising resources by finding buyers for the government's assets such as toll roads and surplus land and this needs to be realised.Infrastructure building has one of the highest multiplier effects on the economy.

The government must ensure projects are implemented so that the construction activity generates employment. Setting up of a Development Finance Institution for infrastructure will help in execution of the ₹111 lakh crore National Infrastructure Pipeline over the next few years. This will boost demand creation and improve overall productivity of the economy and ease of living. Private investments have been in a slowdown mode. CII had suggested ensuring a stable tax regime and contractual sanctity for encouraging investments.

The proposed conciliation mechanism and mandating its use for quick resolution of contractual disputes is a confidence-building measure. The policy for strategic disinvestment of public sector enterprises and initiatives towards aggressive monetisation are welcome moves. CII is confident the reform process will continue beyond the budget. Private investments will be key for returning to high growth. Early implementation of the recently-announced Production Linked Incentive Scheme will boost manufacturing investments. PLIs, by encouraging economies of scale, will make manufacturing globally competitive.

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WHAT'S IN THE OFFING?

People watch Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presenting Union Budget 2021-22 on television sets at an electronics store in Prayagraj on Monday | PTI

'Visionless, betrayal of people caught in double whammy'

CRITICISM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DESCRIBING the budget as a wrong diagnosis and prescription, the Opposition on Monday said it was a "letdown like never before" that was meant to "deceive" people. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi alleged that the government planned to hand over India's assets to crony capitalists.

Gandhi's senior party colleague P Chidambaram said Sitharaman "deceived" those who were listening to her speech, especially the MPs, who had no clue that she has imposed cesses on a large number of products, including petroleum and diesel — ₹2.50 on petrol per litre and ₹4.00 on diesel per litre.

He said this was a "cruel blow" to the average citizen, including farmers.

While Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi said there was no tax relief for salaried class and it seemed like manifesto promises for the poll-bound states in the country, the TMC termed it a "100 per cent visionless".

"India's first paperless budget is also a 100% visionless budget. Theme of the fake budget is Sell India!... Railways: sold, Airports: sold, Ports: sold, Insurance: sold PSUs: 23 sold!" TMC spokesperson Derek O'Brien tweeted.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury also slammed the minister, saying the budget was neither for the people nor for much-publicised "V-shaped" revival of the economy, but for a K-shaped — rich becoming richer, poor poorer. "Budget 2021-22 is a betrayal of the people caught in a double crisis of pandemic & recession. Under several heads, expenditure in 2020-21 was actually lower than budgeted. Worse, 2021-22 sees further expenditure contraction when the massive expansion is needed," he reacted.

BSP chief Mayawati said crores of poor people, farmers and working class are tired of attractive promises and hollow claims.

₹40,000 cr FOR RURAL INFRA DEVELOPMENT. UP FROM ₹30K CR LAST YR

₹18,000 cr ALLOCATION SCHEME FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN URBAN AREAS

₹3,726 cr HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR CENSUS, THE FIRST DIGITAL CENSUS IN INDIA

MSME

Allocation for MSMEs doubled

THE government on Monday proposed to double the allocation for MSME, and set aside ₹15,700 crore for the financial year starting April 1. In the last Budget, the minister had allocated ₹7,572.20 crore for the MSME sector. The allocation for PMEGP and other credit support schemes has been hiked significantly from ₹2,800 crore in 2020-21 to ₹12,499.70 crore in the following fiscal.

HOUSING

Tax holiday and other incentives for affordable housing to boost sector

THE Budget 2021 has announced incentives for affordable housing, giving a boost to the sector and home-buyers as well. The government proposed to extend exemption available for the purchase of affordable houses and to provide tax exemption for affordable housing projects. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed to extend the ₹1.5 lakh benefit on interest paid on affordable housing loans by one year to March 31, 2022. Last year this was extended by a year to March 2021 from March 2020. Affordable housing projects are given a deduction under Section 80IBA of the I-T Act. To keep up the supply of affordable houses, the Budget has proposed that affordable housing projects can avail a tax holiday for one more year till 31st March, 2022.

AVIATION

'AI disinvestment to be completed in 2021-22'

DISINVESTMENT of Air India and Pawan Hans will be completed in 2021-22, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday while presenting the Union Budget in which ₹3,224 crore has been allocated to the Civil Aviation Ministry for the next fiscal year. In the Budget for 2021-22, ₹2,268 crore is proposed to be allocated for a special purpose vehicle (SPV). The debt of Air India, as of March 31, 2019, was ₹58,255 crore.

LABOUR

New portal to collect data of gig workers

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government will launch a new portal to collect information on gig, platform and building and other construction workers to help the informal labour force, especially migrant workers. "The government has launched One Nation One Ration Card scheme through which beneficiaries can claim their rations in any part of the country," the finance minister said.

TOURISM

Centre slashes fund for tourism ministry by 19%

THE Centre slashed the budget for the Ministry of Tourism from last year's ₹2,500 crore to ₹2,026 crore this year. The revised estimates for last year was ₹1,260 crore. The tourism industry has suffered huge losses and large-scale unemployment amid the pandemic.
For Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits around specific themes like Swadesh Darshan, and development of iconic tourist destinations, an amount of ₹630 crore has been allocated as opposed to ₹1,200 crore. For the component of Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD), ₹153 crore was allocated as compared to last year's ₹207 crore.

DECODED

Big push for lean, mean and modern armed forces

DEFENCE

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

KEEPING in mind the tension along eastern Ladakh with China, the central government has shown an urge to upgrade resources through military modernisation.

The allocation of defence budget for the year 2021-22 sees a significant rise towards capital expenditure.

Allocation for capital expenditure is ₹21,326 crore, a rise of 18.75 per cent. Last year, the armed forces had to make emergency procurement and mobilise a massive 50,000 soldiers with weapons along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). China had moved in its troops to alter the status quo along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh. High-altitude gears, missiles and armaments had to be bought on an emergency basis. The Air Force had also mobilised its strategic assets near the LAC.

Total allocation for defence in budget 2021-22 is ₹4.78 lakh crore, including defence pensions, which is a 1.48 per cent hike from ₹4.71 lakh crore last year. Excluding pensions amounting to ₹1.16 crore, allocation for 2021-22 stands at ₹3.62 lakh crore. This is a 7.34 per cent rise from last year's ₹3.37 lakh crore.

The jump in capital allocation will give a push towards procurement of modern platforms and new equipment. The defence ministry in its statement on increase in capital allocation said: "This is the highest ever increase in capital outlay for defence in the last 15 years."

Capital allocation last year was ₹1.13 lakh crore and it has risen to ₹1.35 lakh crore this year. Talking about emergency procurement, Army chief General MM Naravane had recently said that 38 deals were made through the 'emergency and fast track' route. Estimated value of these was about ₹50,00 crore beyond the additional capital procurement worth ₹13,000 crore.

However, there has been a significant decline in defence pensions from the budget estimates of last year. From last year's ₹1.34 lakh crore, it has come down to ₹1.25 lakh crore, a dip of about 13.4 per cent. Speaking on the issue, Lt Gen Vinod Bhatia (retd) said: "It happens every year and there is nothing to worry as money gets allocated in the last quarters to make up for the shortages."

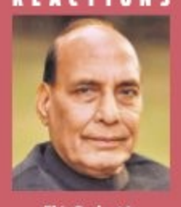
"Nearly 20 per cent increase in capital Defence Budget is positive. Hope we will not see an overspend on the Revenue and Pensions," tweeted former Chief of Army Staff Gen (retd) V P Malik. Another positive aspect was the assurance that the "capital defence budget" will be non-lapsable, he added.

As per the observation of the 15th Finance Commission, the expenditure on defence services as a proportion of GDP declined from 2 per cent in 2011-12 to 1.5 per cent in 2018-19 and to 1.4 per cent in 2020-21.

DEFENCE

	BREAK-UP
2021-22 ₹4.78 lakh crore	Revenue (salary, movement, food, logistics etc): 2.12 lakh cr Capital (upgrade & procurement of weapon, warships etc): 1.35 lakh cr
2020-21 ₹4.71 lakh crore	Pension: 1.16 lakh cr Army ₹36,481 cr Navy ₹33,253 cr Air Force ₹53,214 cr

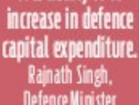
REACTIONS



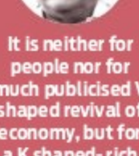
This Budget is unprecedented in many ways and it will strengthen the sankalp (resolve) of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. It is nearly 19% increase in defence capital expenditure.
Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister

It is neither for people nor for much publicised V shaped revival of economy, but for a K shaped- rich becoming richer
Sitaram Yechury, CPI-M gen secy

It is a good budget that focuses on all sections of society. Better fund allocation will benefit farmers
Narendra Tomar, Agriculture Minister



It is a welcome budget given the COVID-19 pandemic and constraints on revenue collection.
Nitish Kumar, Bihar CM



They (Centre) plan to sell everything from banks to ports, insurance firms to power transmission lines and dedicated freight corridors
Bhupesh Baghel, Chhattisgarh CM

Every section of society has been completely disappointed... It seems to be more of 'five election states budget'
Ashok Gehlot, Rajasthan CM

FREIGHT CORRIDORS, NATL PLAN IN FOCUS

RAILWAYS

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FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday announced a record ₹1.10 lakh crore allocation for the Indian Railways of which ₹1.07 lakh crore would be for capital expenditure.

"The plan is to create a future ready railway system by 2030 bringing down the logistic cost for industry is at the core of the strategy to enable Make In India," she announced in Parliament.

Noting that the eastern and western dedicated freight corridors would be completed by mid-2022, Sitharaman proposed a host of other initiatives. "The following additional initiatives are also proposed. The Sonenagar-Gomoh section of 263 km on EDFC will be taken up in PPP mode this year itself. Gomoh-Dankuni section of 274.3 km will also be taken up shortly in short succession," she said.

The Railways, Sitharaman said, will take up works for future dedicated freight corridor projects — East Coast Corridor from Kharagpur to Vijaywada, East-West Corridor from Bhusawal to Kharagpur to Dankuni and North-South Corridor from Itarsi to Vijaywada.

Complete electrification of broad gauge route would be done by December 2023.

Stressing on the passenger convenience and safety, she said the Railways would introduce the aesthetically-designed vistadome Linke Hofmann Busch coaches on tourist routes for better travel experience to passengers.

Two new technologies — metro lite and metro neo — will also be adopted by the national transporter to provide metro services at much less cost with same experience, convenience in tier II and tier III cities and peripheral areas.

For safety, trains on high-density network would be provided with indigenously developed automatic train protection system that eliminates train collision resulting out of human error.

DEBRIEFING

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman meets President Ram Nath Kovind before presenting the budget in New Delhi on Monday | PIC COURTESY: RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN

₹2.87 lakh crore to provide clean drinking water in cities

JAL JEEVAN

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FOR ensuring clean drinking water to all Urban Local Body (ULB) areas, the Centre has set aside a major chunk of ₹2.87 lakh crore for the Jal Jeevan Mission-Urban.

The Union Budget has announced launch of the Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban). It aims at universal water supply in all 4,378 ULBs with 2.88 crore household tap connections, as well as liquid waste management in 500 AMRUT cities. It will be implemented over five years, with an outlay of ₹2,87,000 crore.

"The WHO has repeatedly stressed the importance of clean water, sanitation, and a clean environment as a prerequisite to achieving universal health. ... Liquid waste management would be carried out across 500 AMRUT (the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) cities," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her budget speech.

The project comes on the lines of Jal Jeevan Mission-Rural with an aim to provide tap water connection to 19.04 crore rural households by 2024. So far, tap water connections have been given to 3.3 crore rural households.

According to Jal Shakti Ministry, the government has set aside ₹50,000 crore for drinking water and ₹10,000 crore for sanitation. "It is important to mention that the government had allocated ₹30,478 crore to the Ministry of Jal Shakti in the last budget of which ₹21,500 crore were provisioned for drinking water and sanitation. The Jal Jeevan Mission was allocated ₹11,500 crore separately," said Jal Shakti minister GS Shekhawat.

The Budget also focused on faecal sludge management and waste water treatment, source segregation of garbage, reduction in single-use plastic, reduction in air pollution by effectively managing waste from construction-and-demolition activities among others.

Over 6% drop in allocation despite ambitious plans

EDUCATION

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NINE cities will have a higher education cluster each for better coordination among institutions and aiding collective growth without infringing their individual autonomy, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced on Monday.

In the Budget 2021-22, a sum of ₹93,224 crore was proposed for the Ministry of Education of which ₹54,874 crore is for the Department of School Education and Literacy and ₹38,350 crore for the Department of Higher Education.

The budget proposed for the crucial ministry in social sector is over 6 per cent lesser than last year when the government committed ₹99,312 crore and later revised to ₹85,089 crore.

In her budget speech, Sitharaman proposed 15,000 schools be converted to "exemplar schools" in the next fiscal and added that 100 Sainik schools will be established in collaboration with private players. The minister also reiterated a proposal to create a higher education commission by merging education regulators to oversee standard-setting, accreditation, regulation, and funding.

For higher education in Ladakh, the Centre proposed to set up a central university at Leh.

As per the proposal in the budget, the National Professional Standards for Teachers will be developed to set standards for school teachers and is expected to impact around 92 lakh teachers currently in public and private schools.

FUNDS FOR HEADS

Navodaya Vidyalayas	₹3,800 cr
Kendriya Vidyalayas	₹6,800 cr
Mid-day meal scheme	₹11,500 cr
Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan	₹31,050.16 cr

In a boost to education for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities, 750 Eklavya model residential schools will be set up at tribal areas for which the cost of each facility will be increased to ₹38 crore. For schools in hilly and difficult areas, the unit cost will be ₹48 crore.

The government has also decided to provide central assistance of ₹35,219 crore for the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for students from scheduled castes for six years or till 2025-26.

It has also allocated ₹3,000 crore for apprenticeship initiatives and opportunities for graduates and diploma holders in engineering and a National Digital Educational Architecture will be set up to support teaching and learning activities. "The digital architecture set up under this will also help in educational planning, governance and administrative activities of the Centre and the states," said Sitharaman.

The Centre will work on standardising Indian sign language across the country and develop curriculum to be used in this language. Under the National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers for Holistic Advancement (NISTHA), 56 lakh school teachers will be trained digitally in 2021-22.

The CBSE Board exams reforms will be introduced in a phased manner from 2022-23 and students will be tested on conceptual clarity, analytical skills and application of knowledge, she said.

GROWTH-FOCUSED AND PRAGMATIC DECISIONS TO MEET KEY NEEDS

IT was very encouraging to see such a pragmatic, growth-focused budget that is in line with a consistent fiscal policy and that addresses the key needs of the country. This has been reflected in the market cheer with the Sensex climbing 2000 points and the Nifty regaining 14,200+.

Big investments in infrastructure, healthcare and manufacturing have been funded through the increase in the fiscal deficit. This is an appropriate time to unleash capital expenditure in a largely benign interest-rate scenario.

Healthcare spending has been allocated a much-needed increase of over 137% with ₹2.23 lakh crore directed towards health and well-being compared to ₹94,000 crore last year.

Included within this is the ₹64,180 crore outlay over the next six years to develop primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare systems, strengthen disease surveillance, detection and cure through the centrally-sponsored Pradhan Mantri Atma Nirbhar Swasthya Bharat Yojana.

The allocation of over ₹ 35,000 crore towards Covid vaccination is another positive and reflects the Government's strong focus on immunisation.

Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
Executive Chairperson, Biocon

The Economic Survey 2020-21 estimated that an increase in public health expenditure from the current levels to 3 per cent of the GDP could almost halve the out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditure burden from 60 per cent of spending to about 30 per cent.

India has one of the highest levels of OOP health expenses in the world, directly contributing to poverty rates. In light of this, this allocation is a welcome move.

Further, this budget has gone beyond direct healthcare and addressed well-being through a focus on sanitation, nutrition and pollution control. Strengthening the research ecosystem was also given a much-needed impetus with ₹50,000 crore being allocated to the National Research Foundation over the next five years.

While the intent to invest in the public sector research and innovation ecosystem is welcome, it would have been good to see some of that money used to incentivise research within the private sector as well.

I think the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has done well to focus on investment in infrastructure, healthcare and other mega-projects. In order to fund these investments, the Budget clearly addresses the need for divestment, privatisation and monetisation.

Now, the government needs to focus on quickly executing these plans so that it can invest in all the sectors as planned and bring back jobs and growth.

Nothing for Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

WOMEN&CHILD

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE proposed budget for the Union Women Child Development Ministry was reduced by over 18 per cent as compared to the last fiscal. Also, there is no allocation earmarked for the Centre's flagship Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

The sum set aside for the ministry in 2021-22 is ₹24,435 crore. It was ₹30, 001 last year, which was later revised to ₹21,008 crore.

Of the total budget, the highest amount — ₹20, 105 crore — has been allocated to the newly announced Saksham Anganwadi and Mission Poshan 2.0 scheme.

Mission Poshan 2.0 in an umbrella scheme covering the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan, scheme for adolescent girls and the national creche scheme.

However, schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, one stop centres, Swadhar Greh, child protection, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and Ujjawala have not been allocated anything in this budget.

The budget of autonomous bodies such as Central Adoption Resource Agency have either remained the same or received marginal raise.

"To strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach, and outcome, we will merge the Supplementary Nutrition Programme and the Poshan Abhiyan and launch Mission Poshan 2.0," said Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The total amount for the social services sector, which includes nutrition and social security and welfare, has been increased from ₹2,411.80 crore in 2020-21 to ₹3,575.96 crore.

₹13.9K cr EARMARKED FOR DEPT OF SPACE, ₹4,449 CRORE MORE THAN LAST FISCAL

₹257.35 cr FOR PERSONNEL MINISTRY TO TRAIN BUREAUCRATS

₹7,100 cr FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBOURS, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA

MHA

Grant for women's safety, police modernisation down

THE Centre allocated about ₹1,66,547 crore to the Ministry of Home Affairs, a reduction of ₹703 crore compared to the last year's budget. There has been a sharp reduction in the allocation of funds for schemes for safety of women, Rashtriya Raksha University, modernisation of police forces, border area development programme. There has also been a marginal decrease in funds allocated for Central Armed Police Forces and Census related works. Of the total budget allocation, ₹1,03,802.52 crore was alloted for the central armed police forces like the CRPF, BSF, CISF etc. and ₹3,768.28 crore for census operations. Central sector schemes and projects of the MHA got ₹1,641.12 crore

POLICE

Fund fillip for SPG and central police forces

THE Special Protection Group (SPG), which is entrusted with the security of the Prime Minister, was allocated ₹429.05 crore, an increase of ₹2.78 crore (0.65% hike) from the revised estimates for 2020-21. In the last Budget, the unit was allocated ₹592.55 crore which was eventually revised to ₹426.27 crore. The finance minister has considerably loosened purse strings for the central police organisations with budget of ₹1,000.70 crore.

GREEN

Policy for scrapping old vehicles announced

THE Centre earmarked ₹2,217 crore for 42 urban centres to tackle air pollution and announced the much-awaited voluntary vehicle scrapping policy to phase out old and polluting vehicles, even as it shrunk the budgetary allocation for the environment ministry by nearly eight percent. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a total of ₹2869.93 crore for the ministry, ₹ 230 crore less than the last fiscal.

POLL

In election year, EC gets ₹1,005 crore to procure VVPATS, control units

THE Law Ministry was allocated ₹1,005 crore to provide funds to the Election Commission for procurement of ballot units, control units and VVPATS, and ancillary expenditure on EVMs and destruction of obsolete voting machines. The ministry has also been allocated ₹100 crore for 'carry forward liability' in respect of charges for conduct of 2019 general elections. Another ₹7.20 crore has been allocated for reimbursement to states/UTs on issuance of voter identity cards. Separately, the EC was allocated ₹249.16 crore, mainly for establishment related expenditure of the poll panel and for the expenditure to be incurred on the purchase of land and pre-construction activities for additional building for the poll panel coming up in Dwarka, Delhi.

STUDY

Boost to schemes for minority students

THE Minority Affairs Ministry was allocated ₹4,810.77 crore, which is ₹805.77 crore more than than the revised figures of the previous fiscal. The budget estimate for the Ministry of Minority Affairs in 2020-21 was ₹5,029 crore but later revised to ₹4,005 crore. Of the proposed allocation, ₹1,378 crore is for the pre-matric scholarship scheme and ₹468 crore is for the post-matric scholarship.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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1) Details of Works : 1. Total no of work 01 in Sedam taluka Indent No is as follows: 5054-SCP- 135105. 2. Total no of work 03 in Kalagi taluka Indent No's are as follows: Flood Damage- 133889(SC), 133901(SC) & 2059(Maintenance)- 135121. 3. Total no of work 11 in Chincholi taluka Indent No's are as follows: 5054-SDP- 133330, 8443- SWD- 133831, KKRDB- 132875, 8443- 132552, Flood Damage- 134830, 134640, 135039, 134874, 134852, 132204, 132173 (ST). 2) Head of Account : Under 5054- SDP, 5054- SCP(ADDL), KKRDB, 8443-DMF, 8443-SWD & 2059-(Maintenance) For the year 2020-21, 3) Amount Put to Tender :Lowest Estimate Cost : Rs. 7.00Lakhs, Highest Estimate Cost : Rs. 200.00 Lakhs, 4) Legibility of Contractor :Class-3 contractor & Above, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting Date :**09-02-2021 11:30:00 Hrs,** 6) Last date & time for Tender Queries & receipt of tenders : **10-02-2021 17:30:00 Hrs**, 7)Tender Form Fee & EMD Amount : Tender processing fee & EMD As per e-portal, 8) Last date & time for receipt of tenders :**11-02-2021 - 16:00:00 Hrs,** 9) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **12-02-2021 - 16:30:00 Hrs,** 10) Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid : **15-02-2021 - 16:30:00 Hrs,** 11) Communication Address : Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D Division Sedam, 12) Internet Address : **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in,** 13) If any changes for Cancelation : Any Changes and cancelations are done in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D Division Sedam

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,

Head Office : B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka,
Phone : 0816-2257636 / 4021102-103, Fax : 0816-2255905,
Email : tgmcb_ho@hotmail.com, tgmcb.ho@gmail.com, Website : tgmcbank.com,

TENDER CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, below Mentioned Borrowers having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OP BANK LTD., Rajajinagar & R.T. Nagar Branch, Bangalore** Respectively The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is mentioned below along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Name of Borrower/ Guarantor	Description of Property	Total Amount, Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
Sri NLN Murthy S/o Nagaraju, No.404, 7th Main, Bhavani Nagar, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bangalore. **Personal guarantee of Sri Guru Prasad C T** S/o Sri Padmanabha C N, residing at Maruthi Nilaya 17th main, 7th cross, Munneshwara Block, Bengaluru-560026	All the piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Site No. 2 katha No.171, situated at Mylasandra, kengeri hobli, Bangalore South Tq., now it comes under BBMP limits bearing Katha No. 151/171/ 165/172, ward No.198- Hemmigepura, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft. along with building there on, bounded on: East By : Site No.1 West by : Site No.3, North By : Site No.14, South By : Road	**Rs.1,25,35,436.00** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Six only) as on **29.08.2019** **06/03/2021** at **12.30 PM** **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** Regional Office, 2ND Cross, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar Bangalore.	**Reserve Price Rs.1,40,53,600/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Only) **EMD: Rs.14,05,360/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Five Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Only)
Bharath And Bharath Properties, #17,4th Floor, Shah Sultan Ali Asker Road, Bangalore. **Represented its partners Mr Gaurav Kumar Bhandari,** S/o U C Bhandari, No 266, 5th Cross, 15th Main, RMV Extn. Bangalore-80 and **Mr Bharath Chandrashekar,** S/o late Chandrashekar, residing at no 538,31st main, 1st Cross, Banagiri Nagar Banashankari 3rd stage, Bengaluru-80. **Personal guarantee of 1) Smt, Ashu Bhandari,** W/o U C Bhandari, Residing at No 266,5th Cross,15th main, RMV Extension, Bengaluru **2) Smt Bindushree C** D/o late Chandrashekar, residing at no 538,31st main,1st Cross, banagiri Nagar Banashankari 3rd stage, Bengaluru-80. **3) Smt Deepa B** w/o late Chandrashekar, residing at no 538,31st main,1st Cross, Banagiri nagar Banashankari 3rd stage, Bengaluru-80 **4) Sri Bharath Kumar Bhandari** S/o U C Bhandari, Residing at No 266,5th Cross,15th main, RMV Extension , Bengaluru	All that piece and parcel of Industrial Converted Land bearing Survey No.39/3, now bearing Konappana Agrahara Grama Panchayath Khatha No.247/39/3 and its E-Khatha No.15020030060010276l, situated at Konnappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District, measuring 0.09 Guntas or 48.17 Meters x 18.91 Meters Totally measuring 910.87 Sq Mtrs or 9801 Sq ft of Land and Building there on and bounded on : East by : M R R Tagore's Property West by : B Deepa's Property North by : Road South by : Private Property	**Rs. 11,72,96,564/-** (Rupees Eleven Crore Seventy Two Lakhs Ninety Six thousand Five hundred and Sixty Four Only) as on **06.09.2019** **06/03/2021** at **11.30 AM** **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** Regional Office, 2ND Cross, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar Bangalore.	**Rs.7,10,00,000/-** (Rupees Seven Crore Ten Lakh Only) EMD: **Rs.71,00,000/-** (Rupees Seventy One Lakh Only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -(1) The Tender form can be collected from **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., Regional Office, 2ND Floor Rajajinagar, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. (Ph. 080-41217185, Mob:9880882881, Mob: 9620161186)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of "Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.," payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)**Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., Regional Office, 2ND Floor Rajajinagar, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. Latest by 05.03.2021 before 5.00 P M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)**The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)**In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)**The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)**The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorized Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM onwords on 06.03.2021. (8)**After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorized Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)**The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"**. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. For further details the intending bidders may contact the **Authorized Officer, Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., Regional Office, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. (ph. 080-41217185, Mob: 9880882881, 9620161186) -Mail: securitization@tgmcbank.com**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 01.02.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Material Description	Due Date
202133 000594	Loading, Shifting and Feeding of Wood Dust at Cement Plant	16.02.2021
202113 004679	Providing Field Inspectors for Plantation Department	16.02.2021
202113 004821	Housekeeping in Pulp Mill, SRP, Energy, Works Office areas etc.,	17.02.2021
202113 004527	Fabrication, Erection & Dismantling of Light Structural / Tankages / Conveyors / Erection of Equipment and Machineries etc., at TNPL site for 2021-22	17.02.2021

Detailed Terms & conditions are available in Tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com/ www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Description	Due Date
202113 004862	720 GSM Kraft Corru. Circular Disc (5 ply) - 97 cm For TNPL Unit 1 & 2 Quantity - 322 MT	15.02.2021
202123 002173	Poly Aluminium Chloride (Low Basicity) for TNPL Unit II Quantity - 3,00,000 kgs	25.02.2021
202123 002174	90 GSM Plain Kraft Reels & Sheets of various sizes in 24 BF. Quantity:Reels-426 MT & Sheets - 480MT	15.02.2021
Email	202113004862 - purchase.packing@tnpl.co.in 202123002173 & 2174 - purchasepacking.u2@tnpl.co.in	

Detailed Terms & conditions, Tender Fee, EMD are available in Tender document at our websites: **www.tenders.tn.gov.in & www.tnpl.com**

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
(ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ)

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	5054–04–337–0–01–423 ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳು ಗಿರಿಜನ ಉಪಯೋಜನೆ					
1	(A) Construction of C.C road for main road of Kelageri village of Ward No 01 of Dharwad City in Dharwad Taluk. (70.00 Lakhs) (B) Construction of C.C road for internal roads of Jogyellapur village of Ward No 22 of Dharwad City in Dharwad Taluk.(20.00 Lakhs) KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT134172.	90.00	05/02/2021	06/02/2021	08/02/2021	–
2	Construction of Concrete road and drain in ST Colony ward no 03, Dubbanamaradi village ST colony, and Kurubaghatti village S.T Colony in Dharwad Taluk Dharwad District KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT132869.	66.60	05/02/2021	06/02/2021	08/02/2021	–
3	Construction of C.C road for S.T colony of Chikkamalligawad village of Dharwad Taluk KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT134139	10.00	05/02/2021	–	06/02/2021	General
4	Construction of concrete road for internal linking roads of Itigatti village of Ward No:22 of Dharwad City in Dharwad Taluk KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT134125	10.02	05/02/2021	–	06/02/2021	General
5	Construction of CC road in ST colony of Salakinakoppa village in Dharwad tq KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT134140.	10.00	05/02/2021	–	06/02/2021	General
6	Construction of CC Road in ST Colony of Mansur Village in Dharwad tq KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT134141.	20.00	05/02/2021	–	06/02/2021	SC
7	Construction of CC road in Rajeev Gandhi Nagar of Ward No. 22 in Dharwad City in Dharwad Taluk. KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT134175.	10.00	05/02/2021	–	06/02/2021	General
	5054–04–337–0–01–422 ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಉಪಯೋಜನೆ					
8	Construction of CC road in sc colony at Mugad village in Dharwad district Dharwad Taluk KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT 134299	10.00	05/02/2021	–	06/02/2021	General
9	Construction of CC road in station Nagalavi village in SC colony KPWD/2020-21/RD/ WORK_ INDENT134228.	10.00	05/02/2021	–	06/02/2021	General
10	Construction of CC Road in Yalaki Shetter Colony main road to Ambedkar Colony at Ward No. 20 in Dhawrad city KPWD/2020-21/RD/WORK_INDENT134527.	45.00	05/02/2021	–	06/02/2021	General
	8443 Deposit Contribution					
11	Construction of Samudaya Bhavan at Ward No. 17 at Akhil Bharat Veerashiyava Mahasabha at C B Nagar Dharwad City. KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT134494.	10.00	05/02/2021	–	06/02/2021	General
	5054-SDP (TSP)					
12	CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT CONCRETE ROAD AT PASHUPATIHALA VILLAGE ST COLONY (FROM CHOUDESHWARI TEMPLE TO MANJUNATH TEMPLE, MADEVAPPA MALLAPUR HOUSE TO KUMARESH NAYKAR HOUSE AND FROM MALLESH Y. KINNURI HOUSE TO DEVAPPA DOLLIN HOUSE) (PASHUPATIHAL-ROTTIGAWADA MDR FROM KM 0.00 TO 0.143) in Kundgol taluka KPWD/2020-21/RD/ WORK_ INDENT125763.	16.09	05/02/2021	–	06/02/2021	SC

ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ: (ಎಸ್.ಪಿ. / ಎಸ್/ಟಿ/ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಈ ಶರತ್ತುಗಳು ಅನ್ವಯವಾಗುತ್ತವೆ.)

1) ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು, ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಪಡೆದ ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
2) ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು, ಕನಿಷ್ಠ **10** ವರ್ಷ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ನಿವಾಸಿಯಾಗಿರಬೇಕು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಪಡೆದ ನಿವಾಸಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
3) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಫರ್ಮ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ, ಎಲ್ಲ ಪಾರ್ಟನರ್ ಅಥವಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡದವರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು.

ಸಹಿ/– (ಶ್ರೀ.ಎಸ್.ಬಿ. ಚೌಡಣ್ಣವರ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ

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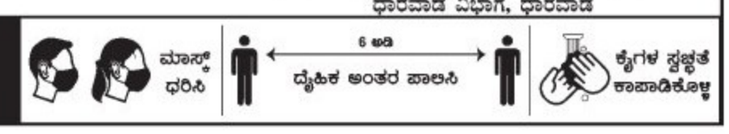

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower (s)/ Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mrs. Suvarnamma A, **Mr.Annayyachar P,** (Prospect No. **830192**)	**28-Jan-2021 Rs.2,93,295/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Five Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: **Khata No. 419, admeasuring 377 sq.feet, Anathi Village, Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District, Karnataka 573131**

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act. and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:-** 1221, Dwarakha Plaza Building, Ist Floor, BH Road, Nelamangala, Bangalore-562123/Or **Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No.98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV Gurugram, Haryana.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Hassan **Date:** 02-02-2021 **For IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL)**

डाकविभाग सिविल वर्ग/DEPARTMENT OF POSTS - CIVIL WING

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय/O/o the Executive Engineer,
डाक सिविलमंडल / Postal Civil Division, 5 एथिराज सालै/ 5, Ethiraj Salai,
चेन्नई–600 008./ CHENNAI-600 008. Ph: 044-28217289.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-tendering Mode)
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (ई–निविदा विधि)
NIT No.: 123/PCD/C/2020-21/II Call

The Executive Engineer, Postal Civil Division, No.5, Ethiraj Salai, Chennai-600 008 invites on behalf of the President of India, **online percentage bids** for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors.

कार्यकारी अभियंता, पोस्टल सिविल डिविजन, नं 5, एथिराज सालै, चेन्नै–600 008, भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए स्वीकृत एवं योग्य ठेकेदारों से ऑनलाइन प्रतिशत दर निविदाएँ आमंत्रित करते हैं :

NIT No.: 123/PCD/C/2020-21/II Call

Name of work: Construction of Small Post Office at Kariyapattinam vacant site under Pattukottai Division.

कार्य का नाम: पट्टूकोट्टई डिवीजन के अंतर्गत करियपट्टिनम रिक्त स्थान पर लघु डाकघर का निर्माण।

Estimated Cost: **Rs.33,66,121/- (Civil: Rs.28,23,277/- + Elect.: Rs.5,42,844/-),** EMD: **NIL,** Period of Completion: **05 Months.**

Last date & time of submission of tender : **09.02.2021, 10.30 Hrs.**

For complete details and tender document please visit **https://dopcivil.euniwizarde.com** and the department's website **www.indiapost.gov.in.**The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. Only e-tenders will be accepted.

Tender ID: 123/PCD/C/2020-21/II Call

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CIVIL) / कार्यकारी अभियंता(सिविल)
POSTAL CIVIL DIVISION, CHENNAI- 600 008.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd.(IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Chandan Beeyani, Mrs.Pooja Agrawal **(Prospect No. IL10015105)**	**29-Jan-2021 Rs. 39,74,084.00/-** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Seventy Four Thousand and Eighty Four Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Flat No G-2, admeasuring super area of 1000 sq. feet along with an undivided share of 270 sq. feet, in Ground Floor, SV Alphyne, Site No 9, 10, 11 and 12, VP Khata No 9, 10, 11 and 12, Raghuvanahalli Village, Uttarahalli, Hobli, Bangalore 560062

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Place: Bangalore
Date: 02.02.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd

QuoteExpress IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING > WINSTON CHURCHILL

5 killed in Somali capital Mogadishu on Monday as al-Shabab terrorists attacked a hotel

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	2	-11	SNY	Los Angeles	21	9	LC
Colombo	32	23	TDS	Melbourne	22	14	LC
Dhaka	24	13	SNY	Moscow	-6	-12	LC
Dubai	24	16	SNY	New York	5	0	LC
Houston	23	13	LC	Singapore	30	24	LC
Istanbul	16	11	LC	Toronto	1	-2	LC
London	5	0	SNY	Washington	2	-1	LC

- Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, other senior politicos, including President Win Myint, detained
- Coup as claims of poll fraud ignored, says military; Gen Min Aung Hlaing to be in-charge for one year
- Bloodless putsch brings to halt a decade of democratic transition since 2010 polls

MILITARY TAKES CONTROL IN MYANMAR

POWER STRUGGLE

Some experts expressed puzzlement as to why the military would upset its powerful status quo, but others noted the looming retirement of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who has been the Army chief. Here are some possible reasons why the military has taken over now

THE CONSTITUTION

The announcement on military-owned Myawaddy TV cited Article 417 of the country's constitution, which allows the military to take over in times of emergency.

The announcer said the Covid crisis and the government's failure to postpone November elections were reasons for the emergency

THE ELECTION

In November elections, Suu Kyi's party captured 396 out of 476 seats in the combined lower and upper houses of Parliament. The state Union Election Commission has confirmed that result

But the military since shortly after the elections has claimed there were millions of irregularities in voter lists in 314 townships that could have let voters cast multiple ballots or commit other "voting malpractice"

GENERAL'S RETIREMENT?

Some noted the looming retirement of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who has been commander of the armed forces since 2011. The coup prolongs his hold on power

CRACKDOWN FEARED

The constitution says a state of emergency can be declared for up to a year—a timeline the military appeared to be in agreement with on Monday

But given the institution's near-total control of the country, that timeframe remains up in the air

Watchdogs fear a further crackdown on human rights defenders, journalists, and others critical of the military

Even before the current military takeover critics of the military often faced legal action for publicly criticising it

Myanmar soldiers stand guard on a street in Naypyidaw on Monday after military staged a coup | AFP

YANGON

MYANMAR'S military staged a coup on Monday and detained senior politicians including Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi in a sharp reversal of the significant progress towards democracy the Southeast Asian nation has made following five decades of military rule.

An announcement read on military-owned Myawaddy TV said the military would take control of the country for one year. It said the seizure was necessary because the government had not acted on the military's claims of fraud in November's elections in which Suu Kyi's ruling party won a majority of the parliamentary seats up for grabs and because it allowed the election to go ahead despite the coronavirus pandemic.

Late on Monday, Myanmar state television announced the removal of 24 of Suu Kyi's ministers. Eleven new ministers have been appointed.

Former foreign minister Wunna Maung Lwin, who served under ex-general Thein Sein, will return to that role after five years—taking over a job that Suu Kyi had held while she was de facto national leader.

The takeover came the morning the country's new parliamentary session was to begin and follows days of concern that the military was plotting a coup. The military maintains its actions are legally justified citing a section of the constitution it drafted that allows it to take control in times of national emergency though Suu Kyi's party spokesman as well as many international observers have said it amounts to a coup.

It was a dramatic backslide for Myanmar, which was emerging from decades of strict military rule and international isolation that began in 1962. It was also a shocking fall from power for Suu Kyi, a Nobel peace laureate who had lived under house arrest for years as she tried to push her country toward democracy and then became its de facto leader after her National League for Democracy won elections in 2015.

Myo Nyunt, a spokesman for Suu Kyi's party, told the online news service The Irrawaddy said that in addition to Suu Kyi and the president, members of the party's Central Executive Committee, many of its lawmakers and other senior leaders had also been taken into custody.

Television signals were cut across the country, as was phone and internet access in Naypyitaw, the capital. Phone service were down. As word of the military's actions spread in Yangon, the country's biggest city, there was a growing sense of unease among residents who earlier in the day had packed into cafes for breakfast and went about their morning shopping. *AFP*

Aung San Suu Ky has called on public not to accept the coup | AFP

The United States will take action against those responsible if these steps are not reversed

White House

The outcome of the elections has to be respected and democratic process needs to be restored

European Union

China is a friendly neighbour of Myanmar and hopes the various parties in Myanmar will appropriately resolve their differences under the constitutional and legal framework to protect political and social stability

People's Republic of China

THE STORY SO FAR

NOV 7, 2010
A pro-junta party wins Myanmar's first elections in 20 years, a vote that was boycotted as unfair and rigged in its favour

NOV 13, 2010
Suu Kyi is freed from detention after spending long periods of the past two decades under house arrest

2012
Suu Kyi wins a by-election and takes her seat in Parliament, holding public office for the first time

NOV 8, 2015
The NLD wins a sweeping victory in general elections that were the first openly held since 1990. The military retained significant power under a constitution that also barred Suu Kyi from the presidency, but the position of state counsellor was created for her to lead the government

AUG 25, 2017
Insurgents attack military outposts in the western state of Rakhine, killing dozens. The military responds with a massive crackdown on the Rohingya Muslim population, who begin fleeing by the hundreds of thousands into Bangladesh

DEC 11, 2019
Suu Kyi defended the military in a case at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, denying it had committed genocide

NOV 8, 2020
Myanmar holds elections, with the NLD capturing an outright majority in Parliament

JAN 29, 2021
Myanmar's election commission rejects the military's allegations of fraud in the elections, finding no evidence to support the claims

FEB 1, 2021
Myanmar military takes control of the country for one year, citing the government's failure to act against its claims of voter fraud and refusal to postpone the November elections because of the coronavirus crisis. Her party says Suu Kyi is again placed under house arrest

Anger and confusion in the streets

YANGON

THERE was panic-buying of food, military roadblocks in the capital Naypyidaw and a triumphant pro-army rally in Yangon in the hours after a coup in Myanmar.

However, there was also quiet anger simmering among those whose hopes for the country's democratic future have been stolen.

"It is extremely disappointing—I don't want the coup," said a 64-year-old Burmese man in Hlaing township, standing with a crowd outside a grocery stall.

"I have seen many transitions in this country and I was looking forward to a better future for us," he added, declining to provide a name for fear of repercussions.

"I think we need to be prepared for the worst," a 35-year-old filmmaker said.

A putsch had been expected for days, yet when it came it left Myanmar stunned—with roads to its main international airport blocked and communications cut—a country once more isolated from a world it only rejoined a decade ago.

The military detained de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi early on Monday—hours before a newly elected parliament dominated by her NLD party was expected to take its seats for the first time since November polls.

By 8.30 am, a state of emergency was announced and former general Myint Swe appointed acting president -- sinking the country back into direct military rule after barely a decade-long experiment with democracy.

Fear spread as internet and mobile services were pulled by authorities across the country.

In Yangon, Myanmar's commercial capital, people rushed to their neighbourhood grocery stores to stock up on rice, oil and instant noodles as banks were temporarily closed by the communications freeze. But aside from police, uniformed men were few and far between in the city, and no blood was shed. The guns, tanks and helicopters were further north around Naypyidaw, where armoured vehicles blocked off major roads leading to parliament. *AFP*

The 'ruthless' general was months from retirement

YANGON

AFTER taking credit for restoring Myanmar's democracy but then watching the military get smashed in elections, the country's top general has seized power just months away from official retirement.

General Min Aung Hlaing is an international persona non grata who has been condemned for presiding over a brutal crackdown on the country's stateless Rohingya population in 2017. He has been banned from Facebook for stoking hate speech against the persecuted minority, and UN investigators have called on him and other top army leaders to be prosecuted for genocide.

But for years he has steadfastly denied nearly all allegations of human rights abuses and says the military operations, which drove around 7,50,000 Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh, were justified to root out insurgents.

The 64-year-old was tapped to head the country's armed forces in 2011, just as a previous generation of military leaders were transitioning the country to a parliamentary system after decades of junta rule.

He has embarked on an ambitious and expensive programme to outfit the army with modern equipment, sourcing new weapons and hardware from China, Russia and Israel. *AFP*

EXPATS' FURY ROCKS THAI CAPITAL

BANGKOK

SCORES of Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand protested in front of their embassy on Monday, waving posters of leader Aung San Suu Kyi after she was detained during a military coup.

Myanmar's army took over early Monday, taking Suu Kyi into custody and announcing a state of emergency and power transfer to military chief General Min Aung Hlaing.

Dressed in red—the signature colour of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy—the Myanmar protesters in Bangkok hoisted posters of the army chief emblazoned with the words "Shame on you, dictator". "I woke up today and saw the news that Mother Suu was arrested. I want her to be released," one protester told Thai media.

"The army controlled our country for 50 years and we were suffering." About two dozen riot police attempted to break up the protest, and clashed with Thai organisers who are part of the kingdom's own democracy movement.

A police spokesman said a handful of people were detained for questioning after Thai protesters threw rocks and coloured smoke bombs.

Thailand's prime minister—a former army chief who seized power in a coup in 2014—has made no public comments about neighbouring Myanmar's putsch, though his number two, Prawit Wongsuwan, said the issue was "a domestic affair". *AFP*

A pro-democracy protester shouts slogans at riot police amid demonstration in Thailand's capital Bangkok by Myanmar migrants against Monday's coup | AFP

Bing can replace Google, Microsoft assures Aus

SYDNEY

MICROSOFT has a "Plan B available" if Google follows through on threats to leave Australia over plans to compel digital giants to pay news organisations for content, local media reported Monday.

Australia's government has designed a mandatory news media bargaining code that would force Facebook and Google to compensate local publishers for hosting news stories on their platforms.

Both US tech firms have threatened to block key services in Australia if the new law goes ahead. Google Australia managing director Mel Silva last week told a parliamentary inquiry the company would withdraw its popular Search function from Australia if the code becomes law.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella contacted Prime Minister Scott Morrison within days to make clear Microsoft's Bing search engine could expand if Google exits, *The Australian* reported.

The pair spoke last week, the newspaper said, with Nadella reportedly saying Microsoft had a "Plan B available". Treasurer Josh Frydenberg has confirmed the call.

Australia has reserved the right to impose the code on other platforms and it is unclear whether Microsoft's MSN service could be affected in the future.

"On the current controversy over a potential code of conduct governing Google and Facebook, Microsoft is not directly involved and we wouldn't want to comment on that ongoing process," a Microsoft spokesperson. *AFP*

Satya Nadella dialed Australian PM soon after Google threatened to leave the country

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

SC junks govt request to stop release of Daniel Pearl's killers

The Pakistan Supreme Court on Monday rejected the government's request to suspend the order to release British-born al-Qaeda terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and his three aides in the brutal murder of American journalist Daniel Pearl, days after it announced to formally join the review proceedings against the acquittal of the accused. The court, however, extended the interim detention order of main accused Sheikh and his aides—Fahad Naseem, Sheikh Adil and Salman Saqib- by one day to hear the government's position on the case. During the hearing on Monday, the Attorney General of Pakistan requested the Supreme Court to suspend the decision to release the accused so that he could argue the case in detail. The apex court reportedly rejected the request

SRI LANKA

Locopilots to boycott trains with Chinese carriages

Engine drivers in Colombo have said they will not operate trains fitted with carriages made in China. The Locomotive Engine Operators' Union has said the carriages made in China pose a threat to the safety of workers, *Colombo Gazette* reported. A member of the union said Chinese carriages take much longer to come to a halt after the engine drivers apply brakes. The union claimed there have been 200 'accidents' as a result of the faulty carriages. In September, the Transport Ministry had sought a report on faulty Chinese carriages

SINGAPORE

Tourist visits fell by 85% in 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic, which has dramatically reduced air travel worldwide has pushed Singapore's number of tourist footfalls to a four-decade low. The number of visitors fell to 2.7 million in 2020, the lowest since the 1970s. The country's tourism receipts fell 78% to 4.4 billion during the first three quarters of 2020, according to a report on Straits Times. "We remain confident in Singapore's position as one of the world's safest and most attractive leisure and business destinations, and the long-term prospects of Singapore's tourism sector," the Singapore Tourism Board's chief executive Keith Tan told ST. Authorities are not expecting the visitor figures to go up anytime soon, despite the advent of vaccines. "It will take time for mass leisure travel to return," Tan said

AFGHAN MUDDLE

Will keep fighting if foreign troops stay, Taliban warns

TEHRAN

THE Taliban said on Monday in Tehran that it will continue its "fight and jihad" if foreign troops do not withdraw from Afghanistan by May 2021 as agreed with the US.

A delegation from the movement headed by its co-founder Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar arrived in Iran's capital last week at the invitation of the foreign ministry and met with Tehran's top diplomat Mohammad Javad Zarif on Sunday.

"The staying on of troops beyond 14 months, whether American or NATO troops, means the continuation of Afghanistan's occupation," Suhail Shaheen, a member of the movement's negotiating team, told reporters at a press conference on Monday.

Washington struck a deal with the Taliban in Qatar in February last year to begin withdrawing its troops in return for security guarantees from the militants and a commitment to kickstart peace talks with the Afghan government.

"We have fought occupation for 20 years. Therefore, in that case, we are forced to continue our fight and jihad," Shaheen added.

The United States has about 2,500 troops in Afghanistan, down from close to 13,000 a year ago. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Friday urged new US President Joe Biden to put pressure on the Taliban and to avoid rushing into withdrawing more American troops.

His appeal came days after the Biden administration said it intends to reconsider last year's agreement between former president Donald Trump's administration and the Taliban.

"If they want to reevaluate, they can, but they are obliged to remain committed" to the agreement, Shaheen said. Violence has escalated across Afghanistan, with the Taliban refusing to make concessions.

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UNION BUDGET 2021-22

DECODED

We spent, says Nirmala after pegging fiscal deficit at 9.5%

WIDE GAP

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

THE government on Monday pegged the fiscal deficit for the current financial year at 9.5 per cent, higher than what analysts have predicted as it increased spending, sidestepping the concerns over the impact on the sovereign rating by taking fiscal expansionary stance.

The government has set a target of 3.5 per cent fiscal deficit in the current year, however prolonged lockdown, steep rise in expenditure and dip in revenue collection resulted in fiscal deficit widening to 9.5 per cent of GDP. Centre's revised estimate for expenditure during the year 2020-21 rose to ₹34.50 lakh crore from the original Budget estimate (BE) of ₹30.42 lakh crore. For the next financial year (2021-22), Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has pegged fiscal deficit at 6.8 per cent of GDP and then has set a glide path, with a target of bringing it down to a 4.5 per cent deficit by 2025-26.

Defending the "bold" fiscal stance, Finance Minister said that the government had focus on spending and said the government had made brave decision to make government account open and transparent.

"Our fiscal deficit, which started at 3.5 per cent during February 2020, has gone to 9.5 per cent of GDP. So, we have spent, we have spent, and we have spent. At the same time we have given a clear glide path for fiscal deficit management. We have made brave decision to make government account open and transparent," Sitharaman said.

Target of 4.5% by '26

The Centre is targeting a fiscal deficit of 6.8 percent of GDP for FY22, which will gradually come down to below 4.5 percent by FY26. This will need amendments to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act

The welcome move was the government discontinuing the practice of financing food subsidy via loan from National Social Security Fund. This move pushed the fiscal deficit of the government up by at least ₹2 lakh crore to ₹18.49 lakh crore, putting an end to the practice of cleverly window dressing subsidy bills in last few budgets. The higher than deficit numbers will necessitate changes to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act. The FRBM Act mandates a fiscal deficit of 3 per cent of GDP that needs to be achieved by March 31, 2020-2021.

The fact that the chief economic advisor dedicated a whole chapter on the bias of sovereign rating agencies, the bold fiscal deficit position of the finance minister just showed that the government is ready to put aside concerns over rating downgrade.

Also in the time like this high fiscal deficit is not unique to India. China's deficit is projected to rise to 11.8 per cent for 2020 and 11 per cent for 2021, according to International Monetary Fund data. However some concerns were also raised regarding numbers. According to Dhiraj Relli of HDFC securities, "Since higher spending will be funded by higher borrowing which has the potential to create an upward pressure on inflation and interest rates a few months down the line. We believe that the RBI will be in sync with the government and both will take necessary action to prevent this," he said.

LOFTY DIVESTMENT TARGET OF ₹1.75L-CRORE

ON SALE

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

KEEPING up with her promise of focusing on divestment, finance minister Nirmala Sitharam has set an ambitious target of disinvestment receipts at ₹1.75 lakh crore for fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021. "Inspite of the coronavirus pandemic, we kept working towards strategic sale of BPCL (Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited), IDBI Bank, Air India, which will be completed in 2021-22,"Sitharaman said in her post budget media interaction.

The government has already invited the expression of interest for Air India, BPCL and SCI and disinvestment of the IDBI Bank, Neelanchal Ispat Nigam, etc is in the list of the government to divest in 2021-22, apart from the mega IPO of the Life Insurance Corporation.

For the next financial year, up for sale are two public sector banks and a general insurance company. The NITI Aayog has already been tasked with preparing next list of sick PSUs and CPSUs for strategic disinvestment. The divestment proceeds become important part of its non tax revenue at a time when the government is going with higher spending and revenue collection still remains muted and government staring at fiscal deficit of 6.8 per cent. Some experts, including Moody's Investors Service has already raised doubts over the government achieving the targets.

"The fiscal deficit target of 6.8 per cent for 2021-22 tries to strike a balance between supporting growth and a modest deficit reduction, but improvements in tax compliance and monetisation targets may be difficult to achieve," the rating agency said in a note.

Despite so much push on divestment, so far they had been garnering an average of ₹0.56 lakh-crore since 2014. In the current fiscal, total proceeds of disinvestment and share buyback till date are at a five-year low of ₹0.19 lakh crore. Going by the past performance, the task is going to be challenging for the government, if not impossible.

REACTIONS

Coming in the backdrop of a global pandemic, it boldly spells the growth agenda and a march towards building a new India. The budget clearly has the stamp of our Prime Minister

Sunil Bharti Mittal, Bharti Enterprises

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Social sectors have received large attention. This will augment human capital, essential for inclusive growth

DK Khara, SBI Chairman

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The Budget has attempted to boost growth, revive investment and give fillip to ease of doing business

Gautam H Singhania, CMD Raymonds Ltd

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The budget is progressive and growth-oriented while retaining the focussed approach on infrastructure-led economic revival

V Narendran, CEO & MD Tata Steel

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The budget does not adequately address concerns over inequitable growth which has been a worry across the globe due to the pandemic

A Barua, HDFC Bank Chief Economist

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The heightened spends on agri and rural infra will spur a virtuous consumption-investment-employment cycle

Sanjiv Puri, ITC Chairman and MD

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Fin panel marks 42% of tax pool for states

DEVOLUTION

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE 15th Finance Commission has recommended that states, along with Ladakh and J&K, be given 42 per cent share in the divisible tax pool of the centre during the period 2021-22 to 2025-26, keeping its stand unchanged from the previous report. The report which was tabled in the parliament today, has also kept criteria of horizontal devolution unchanged with 15 per cent weight to population and 12.5 per cent weight for demographic performance.

Excluding the union territories of Ladakh and J&K, the tax devolution share suggested by the Finance Commission is 41 per cent of the total divisible pool, which is arrived at after deducting cesses and surcharges and cost of collection from total tax collection.

The Commission has recommended post-devolution revenue deficit grants amounting to about Rs 3 lakh crore over the five year period.

The FFC has recommended higher grants to states at Rs 1.3 lakh crore in eight sectors, including health, school education, higher education, agriculture, maintenance of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana roads, aspirational districts and blocks, judiciary, statistics. The finance ministry is yet to accept the recommendation and said it will consider the recommendation.

As per the glide path, the report said that fiscal deficit should be 6 per cent in 2021-22, 5.5 per cent in 2022-23, 5 per cent in 2023-24, 4.5 per cent in 2024-25, and 4 per cent in 2025-26, lowe than what the finance minister projected in her budget proposal this year.

Apart from tax devolution, the commission, headed by former bureaucrat and MP NK Singh was asked to recommend performance incentives for states in many areas like power sector, adoption of DBT and solid waste management as well as funding mechanism for defence and internal security.

While recommending additional borrowing room to states based on performance in power sector reforms, the FFC also recommended a Rs 2.38 lakh crore non-lapsable fund for modernisation for the defence sector in the 2021-26 period.

"The unutilised amount from the normal budgetary allocations to the MoD and MHA for capital expenditure shall not be part of the Fund and should be governed as per the principles of the annual budget process," the report said.

The report recommended ₹1.5 lakh crore be transferred to the MFDIS from the Consolidated Fund of India over the award period of the Commission. The rest of the corpus will come from disinvestment proceeds of defence public sector enterprises; proceeds from monetisation of surplus defence land and proceeds of receipts from defence land.

IN-PRINCIPLE NOD TO NON-LAPSABLE DEFENCE FUND

The Central government has accepted in-principle the creation of non-lapsable fund for Defence in the Public Account of India. Sources of funding and modalities will be examined in due course of time, highly-placed sources in the Ministry of Finance said

Banks to be recapitalised with ₹20K-cr

FUND FLOW

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Union Government has allocated ₹20,000 crore towards recapitalization of state run banks to help them meet capital adequacy norms.

The Government also decided to set up asset reconstruction company and an asset management company to manage bad debt for scheduled banks, which are expected to reach record levels this year.

The asset management company which would act as a 'bad bank' would l hold problem loans for banks try and turn them around and then on sell them to investors at a reduced price if need be. The RBI expects non-performing assets with banks to rise to 13.5 per cent of total advances by the end of September from 7.5 per cent a year ago, according to its semiannual Financial Stability Report published last month.

"To further consolidate the financial capacity of Public Sector Banks, further recapitalization of ₹20,000 crore is proposed in 2021-22," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said while presenting the Budget 2021-22 on Monday.

Punjab and Sind Bank was the only bank to receive capital infusion of ₹5,500 crore in the current fiscal year. Sitharaman said the amendments to the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act allow depositors to get easier and time bound access to their deposits. "I shall move amendments to the DICGC Act, 1961 in this Session to streamline the provisions, so that if a bank is temporarily unable to fulfill its obligations, the depositors of such a bank can get easy access to their deposits," she said.

JUST WHAT DOCTOR ORDERED FOR A RESURGENT INDIA

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had many choices ahead of Budget 2021. The one choice she perhaps didn't have was to present a 'business as usual' budget. And in herchoices, she has exhibited remarkable boldness and ambition. Budget 2021 is a historic one that sets the stage for a big reset of the economy. It talks to the economic and business realities of the post-COVID world and gives primacy to reviving growth. The expansionary fiscal stance that enabled this growth push does not come as a surprise.

The fiscal deficit target of 6.8% for FY 22 is reasonable and acknowledges the changed global economic landscape. More importantly, the higher deficit in FY22 is largely to finance capital expenditure and not revenue expenditure. This is evident in the almost 35% increase in the government's capital expenditure.

In fact, capital expenditure in FY22 is estimated to be 2.5% of the GDP from 1.9% in the previous year. The glide path for fiscal consolidation over the medium term creates the space for growth-enhancing measures over the next few years as well.

Kumaramangalam Birla
Chairman of Aditya Birla Group

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The government's capex plans seem to be focused mainly on roads, railways and other infrastructure sectors. The move to identify alternate sources for development finance is welcome. This is manifest in the constitution of a new development financial institution with a capital of ₹20,000-crore, and a target lending portfolio of₹5-lakh-crore. The zero-coupon bonds for infra debt funds and policy tweaks to incentivise investment by sovereign wealth funds will also provide a boost to the infrastructure sectors.

This budget also makes a bold statement on big-bang reforms. The move to privatise state-owned banks marks a seminal shift in mindset. The government has also announced a new framework for divestment, signalling its intent to stay invested in just a clutch of strategic sectors. The creation of an SPV to monetise land holdings of the government has the potential to unlock significant economic value.

These are bold next-generation reforms that signal faith in market forces and in the dynamism of private enterprise. The move to consolidate stressed assets of the banking sector under a single umbrella entity should help address the legacy NPA problem.

The ambitious reform measures of Budget 2021 couldn't have come at a more opportune moment. The economy is already showing signs of a very strong rebound and this bold and unconventional stimulus will sharply accelerate the wheels of economic activity. A resurgent India is now ready for take-off.

BULLISH

A pedestrian watches a digital screen relaying the budget speech by Finance Minister at the Bombay Stock Exchange, which rallied and posted big gains after the speech on Monday | AFP

FDI in insurance won't limit Indian management control

OPENING UP

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her Union Budget 2021 speech on Monday that the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in the insurance sector will be hiked to 74 per cent from 49 per cent. This will be after the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act 2015 and Insurance Act 1938 are amended in Parliament. When the insurance sector was privatised in 2000, the FDI limit was fixed at 26 per cent, which was then raised to 49 per cent in 2015.

The finance minister said that a majority of the directors in the board of these insurance companies will have to be resident Indians. This means that Indian management control will be retained in these companies.

"The FDI limit hike in insurance will allow foreign ownership and control with safeguards. Under the new structure, the majority of directors on the boards and key management persons will be resident Indians with atleast 50 percent directors as independent directors. A specified percentage of profit will be retained as general reserve," said the finance minister.

At the face of it, the move is positive for the country's insurance industry that has been saddled with dual issues of stagnating growth amidst the Covid-19 pandemic and rising needs for capital infusion.

But, there are a few caveats. "The move on taxation change for ULIPs (of higher ticket size; annual premium of more than 2.5 lakhs) would have an impact on such investments. Tax benefits remains in the event of death of the life assured or in the case of ULIP policies where annual premium is '2.5 lakhs or below. This tends to reduce the competitive advantage that ULIPs enjoyed as compared to other short term investment vehicles," said Tarun Chugh, Managing Director and & Chief Executive Officer, Bajaj Allianz Life.

₹13.8L-cr TOTAL RESOURCES BEING TRANSFERRED TO STATES, INCLUDING DEVOLUTION

₹74K-cr HIGHER THAN WHAT WAS GIVEN TO STATES IN THE LAST REVISED ESTIMATE

1.9% THE SHARE OF NON-DEBT CAPITAL RECEIPTS PEGGED BY FINANCE MINISTRY IN BUDGET 2020-2021

GREEN

Electric vehicle manufacturers say Budget fails to fuel growth

Chennai: With no direct mention of any initiative focussed on the electric vehicles, the budget was a disappointment for the electric vehicle industry. The EV industry had high hopes from the budget to accelerate its growth, however, the budget hardly offered any direct relief. According to Arun Firodia, Chairman, Kinetic Group, the budget has some welcome features like faceless assessment and correction of inverted duty structure, but the EV industry needed more support to encourage local manufacturing. "Instead of scrappage policy, it may be a better idea to levy green tax on vehicles that are more than 15 years old," said Firodia.

ECOM

Equalisation levy likely to upset e-tailers' cart

Bengaluru: In a move that may upset e-tailers like Amazon, Flipkart, the government has introduced an amendment in the Finance Act 2016 under which non-resident e-commerce operators will have to pay a 2% equalization levy on the online sale of goods/provision of services. The tax will be levied irrespective of whether the e-commerce operator owns goods/ services it is supplying to any user in India.

AUTO

Nod to scrapping policy, nitty-gritty in 15 days

New Delhi: The government on Monday announced the much awaited voluntary vehicle scrapping policy to phase out older and polluting vehiclesVehicles will undergo a fitness test in automated fitness centres after 20 years (personal vehicles) and 15 years (commercial vehicles).Union Minister for MSME and Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari later informed that details of the policy will be out within 15 days.

GOLD

Jewellers upbeat as Finance Minister slashes customs duty by 5 per cent

Chennai: The reduction in customs duty on gold and silver in the budget has brought cheers to the jewellery industry. The jewellers have lauded the duty cut, which was a long-standing demand of the industry. The jewellers believe the reduction in import duty will help to improve the market as it will attract more buyers to invest in gold. In the Budget, Nirmala Sitharaman reduced customs duty on gold and silver to 7.5 per cent. Sitharaman said, "Gold and silver attract a basic customs duty of 12.5%. Since the duty was raised from 10% in July 2019, prices of precious metals have risen sharply. To bring it closer to previous levels, we are rationalising customs duty on gold and silver."

RESOLUTION

Panel to resolve tax disputes up to ₹10L

New Delhi: Taking forward the tax reforms initiated last year, Finance Minister announced to set-up a faceless tax dispute resolution mechanism for small taxpayers. The committee will be for taxable income up to ₹50 lakh and disputable income of ₹10 lakh. To keep the process transparent, all communication between the appellant and tribunal will be via electronic mode.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE VIII A.C.M.M. AT BAGALORE C.MIS.NO.5320/2019

Between: **Sri. K. V Venkatesh**, S/o. Late Venkatashmaiah, Aged about 67 years, Residing at No.362, Thigaralara Beedi, Kengeri, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560060 : Petitioners
And : The Commissioner of Births & Deaths, BBMP, Bangalore : Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the above case the petitioner has filed the petition for issue of the death certificate of his grand-mother Lakshmamma, W/o. Venkata Ramanappa, died on 10-06-1982 at home at No.362, Thigalara Beedi, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060. If any parties who have got any objections with regard to issue of Death Certificate may appear before the Hon'ble VIII ACMM, Bangalore on 06.02.2021 at about 11.00 a.m.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court dated this the 19th day of January 2021.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristedar VIII A.C.M.M Court
Bangalore, Date: 19.01.2021

BEFORE THE HON'BLE VIII A.C.M.M. AT BAGALORE C.MIS.NO.5319/2019

Between: **Sri. K.V Venkatesh**, S/o. Late Venkatashmaiah, Aged about 67 years, Residing at No.362, Thigaralara Beedi, **Kengeri**, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560060 : Petitioners
And : **The Commissioner of Births & Deaths**, BBMP, Bangalore : Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

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TAMIL NADU SALT CORPORATION LIMITED

(A GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU UNDERTAKING)
No. 735, Anna Salai, LLA Building, Chennai - 600 002.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

THE UNDERSIGNED INVITES TENDERS UNDER TWO PART SYSTEM FOR THE FOLLOWING SUPPLY & SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

SUPPLY: **1.** 1 Kg coextruded LDPE/LLDPE multilayer Pouch **2.** 1 Kg Poly polyester Laminated LD Film Pouches & Roll. **3.** 25 Kg PP bags. **4.** 50 Kg Laminated bags **5.** Food Grade Potassium Iodate **6.** Food Grade Ferrous Sulphate. **7.** Food Grade Sodium Hexa Meta Phosphate. **8.** Food Grade Silica Powder **9.** Supply of Firewood.

SERVICES: **1.** Transportation including Loading & Unloading of Fortified Salt from Valinokkam Ramnad District to various districts of Tamilnadu & Kerala. **2.** Transportation including loading & unloading of Salt from Pan area to FS unit and Salt Refinery. **3.** Transportation including Loading and unloading of Salt from pan area to new washery. **4.** Transportation including Loading and unloading of Salt at the salt works in MVSC. **6.** Production of Salt by Semi Mechanization method in 24 beds.

For further details please visit our website www.tnsalt.com

DIPR/686 /TENDER/2021 Managing Director

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 94-99/2020-21KWA/PHC/D2/TVM/RTI Jaljeevan Mission- 2020-21Thiruvananthapuram District Balaramapuram & Pallichal, Kattakkada & Vilavoorkal, Malayinkil & Maranalloor, Ottasekharamangalam, Vellarada, Kunnathukal Augmentation of existing schemes and on-going projects for providing FHTCs to all households EMD : Rs. 500000 /Each for tender no. 94,95,96 &98, 200000 for tender no 97 & 99 Tender fee : Rs. 15000/each for tender no.94,95,96 &98, 10000 for tender no 97 &99 Last Date for submitting Tender : 22-02-2021 03:00:pm Phone : 0471-2322303 Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

(Sd/-) Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Thiruvananthapuram

KWA-JB-GL-6-964-2020-21

Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Odisha Rourkela

Tender Notice No. BPUT/CS&P /42/19(Part)/480 Dated: 01.02.2020

TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF DEGREE CERTIFICATE WITH SECURITY FEATURES

Sealed tenders (two bid system) are invited from reputed and experienced Agencies/ Firms **for Printing and Supply of Degree Certificates with security features**. The detail of Tender available in BPUT website i.e **www.bput.ac.in**. The University reserves right to reject any Tender without assigning any reason thereof. The last date and time of receiving sealed tender by Speed post/ Registered Post addressing to the **"Registrar, Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Chhend, Rourkela -769015 is 02.03.2021 up to 5.00 pm**. The tender received beyond the due date and time shall be rejected summarily.

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned counsel for the petitioners filing the case on next date of this publication on behalf of the petitioners i.e., Jayaram .M & Others Vs. Registrar of Births & Deaths, Bengaluru before the 36th A.C.M.M, Bengaluru in C.MISC. No. 318/2021 regarding the death of wife of the petitioner named as **GOWRAMMA, W/o Jayaram .M as she died on 07.07.2013** at No. 4/3, 1st Cross, Opp. Om Shakthi Temple, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037.

Any person interested to file their objection in this matter, please file your objection before the court as above on or before 02.02.2021.

SUMATHI .C.M, Advocate

CORRIGENDUM

The Nehrunagar Co-operative Bank Ltd., hear by inform that Possession notice published in this ***newspaper on 29.01.2021.*** there is a **mistake in the spelling instead** of **late Malliah S.M** it has been published as **late Malaiah S.M** all the matter will be same.

Sd/-
The Nehrunagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Chatura .V.M** the undermentioned is the absolute owner the property bearing Flat No.FRF 02, Vareneya Place, 1802/5, 10th Cross, Hampinagar, RPC Layout, Vijanayanagar, Bangalore - 560 104. I have lost the original Sale Deed Dt. 29.09.2015, registered as Doc. No. 3159/2015-2016 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Vijaynagar, Bangalore, executed by M/s. Vareneya Builders in favour of Sri Hanumamma, pertains to the property referred above and in this regard I have also lodged the complaint before the jurisdictional police. In the event of any person enter into any transaction, based on the sale deed referred above, with any third party, with respect to property referred above, the same shall not be neither valid nor binding on me.

Name and Address:
SMT. CHATURA .V.M W/o
Sri Vinod Kumar .M.B, Flat No. FRF 02,
Vareneya Place, 1802/5, 10th Cross,
Hampinagar, RPC Layout,
Vijanayanagar, Bangalore - 560 104.

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GVK EMRI

GVK EMRI, STDC Housing Board Colony, Basaveshwaranagar Main Entrance, Opp. Unani Medical College, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560 079. Tel. : 080-23280161.
Tender No: GVK-EMRI/KAR/SCM/TENDER/38/2020-21

INVITATION FOR TENDER - Through e-Procurement

GVK EMRI has invited bids through e-procurement portal for Procurement of **Disposable Latex Gloves, Face Mask & Surgical Spirit to "108 Arogya Kavacha" Ambulances.** Tender documents are available in e-Procurement portal. Bids should be submitted by **5.00 pm on 05-03-2021.** For Details visit e-procurement Website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited

(A wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030438)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)

The Chief Engineer, Ele., BMAZ(N), BESCOM, Bengaluru, invites tenders for the following Civil Engineering works in BMAZ(N) Jurisdiction through e-Procurement portal in two cover system. **Enquiry No.: (1)** CEE/BMAZ(N)/EE(Civil)/Enq-06/20-21 dt: 21.01.2021. **Name of the work:** Construction of Chokkasandra Section office building, Compound wall & other allied works at Chokkasandra BESCOM, Bengaluru. (Call-3). **Estimated Amount put to tender: Rs. 67.10 Lakhs (Approx).** Time limit for completion of work including monsoon period: **09 Months. (2)** CEE/BMAZ(N)/EE(Civil)/Enq-07/20-21 dt: 21.01.2021. Name of the work: **Construction of Record Room, at Second floor for E-1 Sub division at Pillanna Garden, Tannery Road, BESCOM, Bengaluru.** Estimated Amount put to tender: **Rs. 78.99 Lakhs (Approx).** Time limit for completion of work including monsoon period: **09 Months. Time Schedule: (1)** Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications: **15.02.2021 up to16:00 Hrs. (2)** Last date & time for receipts of tenders: **17.02.2021 up to 16:00 Hrs. (3)** Date & time of opening technical bid: **19.02.2021 at 16:15 Hrs. (4)** Date & time of opening price bid: will be intimated later. The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-Procurement by visiting website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **02.02.2021.** For any clarification contact e-Procurement help desk. 080-23010900/23010901 or e-mail to **hphelpdesk.blr@gmail.com**

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Ele), BMAZ(N), BESCOM

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Government of Tamil Nadu

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department

Dindigul District
Notice Inviting Short Tender

Scheme Componenet of Pooled Assigned Revenue (SCPAR) 2020-21
Construction of Panchayat Union office building works

1. For details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in
2. e-Bids are invited by the Project Director, DRDA, Dindigul for the **Construction of Panchayat Union office building works** package wise, under two cover system.
3. The package wise bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from **www.tntenders.gov.in** from **02.02.2021 to 16.02.2021.**
4. Common Date and time for downloading of Bid document, submission and opening :
   (i) Last Date and Time for downloading and Online Submission of Bid Documents : **16.02.2021, Upto 3.00 PM**
   (ii) Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents : **16.02.2021, 4.00 PM** onwards

DIPR.664/TENDER/2021 **Project Director, DRDA, Dindigul.**

KARNATAKA NIRAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Karnataka Government Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL GLBC Dn.No.1, Ghataprabha Tq:Gokak, Dist:Belgaum Phone/Fax No. 08332-286223 Corporate Identity Number (CIN)-U85110KA 1998SGCO24503 Mail address:eeglbcknnldiv1@gmail.com

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement only)

Tender Notification No./KNNL/GLBC-1/PB/TND/4701 M&MI/2020-21/1397 Dtd: 20-01-2021

Electronic percentage tender through E-procurement platform in Two cover system in prescribed form are invited by the Executive Engineer, KNNL GLBC Dn.No.1, Ghataprabha on behalf of the Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Ltd., Coffee Board Building Bangalore and from eligible Class-I contractors enrolled under KPWD and Category-III category contractor enrolled under KNNL 1.Work Details:1 No. of Work under H/A 4701 M&MI Coming under KNNL GLBC Division No.1 Ghataprabha. 2.Tender Schedule for works is as follows
Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders:08-02-2021 upto 16:00:00, Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 10-02-2021 upto 11:00:00 Onwards, Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid will intimate after approval of Technical bid. in the office of the The Executive Engineer KNNL GLBC Dn No.1,Ghataprabha. 3.Approximate Amount Put to Tender:Rs.44640712.82, 4.EMD Amount:Rs. 500000.00

For the details like Name of work, Eligibility of contractor, Tender conditions, Tender processing fee details refere website www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ index. seam OR contact the undersigned during office hours (Ph No. (08332) 286223.)

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1219/MCA/2020-21 **Sd/-Executive Engineer, KNNL GLBC Dn.No.1,Ghataprabha.**

District Health and Family Welfare Office Complex, Tumkur-572101

District Programme Project Mannagement Unit.
E-mail:dhotumkur1@gmail.com dpmtmk@gmail.com
No.DPMU(T)/NHM/MPT/1/2021-22 Date:29.01.2021

Invitation of Tender.

National Health Mission Tumkur invites the E-Procurement for the supply of Man Power on outsource basis for the year 2021-22. The tender schedule is as follows under the e-procurement system. **Details: (1)** Start date and time for submitting tenders: Date: **25.01.2021** Time after 4.00 PM **(2)** Last date and time for submitting tenders: Date: **24.02.2021** Time after 4.00 PM **(3)** Technical Bid opening date and time Date: **25.02.2021** Time after 4.00 PM **(4)** Tender opening Authority: District Health Society Tumkur. **(5)** E.M.D. Value: **Rs.7.50/-** Lackhs. (Submitting through e-procurement) **(6)** Tender Value **Rs.2.98/-Crores.** For more information Contact: **Mob:9449843123**

Sd/- Member Secretary, District Health Society, Tumkur.

DIPR/TUM/409/MCA/2020-21

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer-4, Lakes Division,
3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No: EE-4(Lakes)/TEND/08/2020-21 Date: 01.02.2021

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM E-AUCTION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer-4, Lakes Division, BBMP, Invites E-Auction on behalf of Commissioner, BBMP for **Stacked Old M.S. Poles & SS Pipes at Sankey Tank, Ward No. 35, Aramane Nagara, in as is where is condition.** The highest rates received in the E-Auction will be considered for acceptance.

1) Availability of E-Auction Document on **https:eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 01.02.2021 onwards** 2) Inspection of Stacked materials : **upto 08.02.2021 (during office hours) 3)** Last date to confirm participation interest in E-Auction : **12.02.2021 upto 5.00 p.m. 4)** Technical Evaluation Date & time : **15.02.2021at 10.00 a.m. 5)** Live Auction bidding date & time : **15.02.2021 (11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.)**

The intending bidders will be required to furnish **EMD** of **Rs. 5000/-** In addition, the bidders will be pay a E-Auction processing fee as per e-procurement rules through mode of e-payments. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the User ID and password for participating in E-Auction, kindly contact e-procurement Help Desk on 080-25501216 & 25501227.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-4, Lakes Division

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION

Karnataka State Health & Family Welfare Society
DH&FW, 1st Floor, Arogya Soudha, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 23
Phone: 080-22341985, e-mail: cao-nhm@karnataka.gov.in

No.: LWSTC/STDC/NETP/20/2020-21 Date:02.02.2021

Short Term Tender through e-Procurement
Procurement of TrueNAT chips and Consumables

KSHFWS invites tender from Manufacturers / Authorized Dealers with necessary documents. The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The tender document can be downloaded through "e-procurement portal" from **02.02.2021, 11:30 onwards** and last date for receipt of tender is **16.02.2021 on or before 17.30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from 10:00 to 17:30 Hrs.

Sd/-
DIPR/DDU/JA/2642/2020-21 **Project Director, RCH**

Government of Karnataka

Tumakuru Urban Development Authrity

Belagumba road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka State, Ph: 0816-2272280

No.TUDA/Technical-06/2020-21 Dated: 28.01.2021

Notice for inviting Expression of Interest for Document Management System in the office of TUDA (through e-procurement portal)

Tumakuru Urban Development Authority (TUDA) intends to engage the services of organizations for implementing Document Management System (DMS) in its office. The work involves scanning, digitizing, Indexing of all records & files and layout maps approved by the TUDA and uploading the DMS.

Bidders should satisfy terms, conditions and eligiblity as specified in notification.

Interested Organisations may submit their background, working capacity with manpower details, technical competency, deliverables by the organizations and terms of reference, mode of payment etc., The last date for receipt of EOI document is **15.02.2021 date at 4.00 p.m.**

For eligiblity and other details go through our website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Commissioner
Urban Development Authority
Tumakuru

DIPR/Tumakuru/shirdi Sai/180/2020-21

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MANDYA DIST. CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.

E-Mail: manmulpurchase@gmail.com, Tele: 08232–274571

IFT NO: MMU/PUR/E-Procu./Tender-17/2020-21 Date: 25-01-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement portal only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites e-Tenders for 1. Annual Rate Contract for Pest Control Services Qty - 01 Job 2. Biennial tender for Motor Rewinding at MANMUL Qty-01 Job 3. Supply of Canteen Grocery items for 12 months 4. Provide Swift Dezire / Ascent / Indigo car/ Equivalent for Transport Section Route-1 & Route-2 at Main Dairy, Gejjalagere for a period of 2 years Qty-02 Nos.

Interested tenderers may please refer detail notice inviting tender for eligibility criteria & other details. Tenderers can downloaded documents from: 30.01.2021, Last date of submission of tender: 01.03.2021 at 17.00 hrs, Date of opening of Technical tender: 03.03.2021 after 11.30 hrs & Commercial Bid opening will be intimated. Interested Tenderer's may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** / website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also contact helpline No: 080-25501227/25501216, e-mail:hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. For more information contact Manager(Purchase) Mob:9513888247.

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

ESTD: 1907

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066. General Manager : 26617980 : Tele Fax : (080) 26617980

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

Sl No	Name of the Borrower & Address Description of property	Boundaries & Measurement	Amount of Secured debt	Date of Public Auction
1.	**Sri. Akram Pasha** No.113, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Valmikinagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-26. No.1, out of Municipal No. 1/1, then 48 and 48/1, thereafter Old Municipal No. 2, out of Municipal No. 1/1, situated at Karithimmanahalli Village, Corporation Division No. 24, Bengaluru City, Now Comes under the Limits of BBMP, Corporation Ward No. 45, PID No. 45-21-48, Municipal No. 48, situated at 4th Cross, Valmikinagar, Bengaluru	East to West : 30 feet & North to South : 40 feet East by : P. Ramaiah's Property West by : Property No. 3, North by : Formerly Road, Presently private House Property, South by : Road,	Rs. 19,74,071/- (Interest from 29.01.2021) Notice Date : 29.01.2021 Reserve Price Rs. 61,73,000/-	08-03-2021 10.00 A.M
2.	**Sri. Khader Ali Khan** No.5, Pipeline Road, West of Padarayanapura, Guddadahalli, Bengaluru-26. Old No.2, New No.05, Pipeline Road, West Padarayanapura, Guddadahalli, K.P. Agrahara Dhakale, BMP Ward No. 43, Bengaluru.	East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 50 feet East by : Others Property West by : Others Property North by : Others Property South by : Pipeline Road	Rs. 8,90,562/- (Interest from 29.01.2021) Notice Date : 29.01.2021 Reserve Price Rs. 55,66,000/-	08-03-2021 10.30 A.M
3.	**Sri. Rajesh** No.65, 20th "D" Main Road, 15th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-23. No.27, Site No.13, 1st B main Road, Bhuvaneshwari nagar, M.R. Palya, K.P. Agrahara, PID No.32-20-27, BMP Ward No.32, Bengaluru.	East to West : 25 feet & North to South : Eastern Side: 21 feet & Western Side : 17 feet, Total : 475 Sq feet. East by : S.M. Nagaraju & Lingaiah's property. West by : Previously Others Property presently Road. North by : Northern portion of property No.13. South by : Road	Rs. 15,55,688/- (Interest from 29.01.2021) Notice Date : 29.01.2021 Reserve Price Rs. 31,18,000/-	08-03-2021 11.00 A.M
4.	**Smt. Fayzunnisa (Deceased) Legal representatives by : 1) Shaik Afsar (Son), 2) Shaik Afroz (Son) 3) Shaik Afzal (Son), 4) Shaik Asgar (Son)** No.16/1, 4th Cross Road, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-26. New No. 14/7, Old No. 14/A, Situated at 8th Cross, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-26, BBMP Ward No.43 of Padarayanapura with New PID No.43-126-14/7.	East to West : 60 feet & North to South : 15 feet East by : 8th Cross road West by : Conservancy lane North by : Jowda hanumaiah's property South by : Others property	Rs. 13,47,939/- (Interest from 29.01.2021) Notice Date : 29.01.2021 Reserve Price Rs. 49,41,000/-	08-03-2021 11.30 A.M
5.	**Sri. Syed Samiulla & Smt. Hifzunnissa** No.17, 7th Cross Hosahalli Main Road, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-26. New Municipal No.17/1A, 7th Cross, Hosahalli Main Road, Padarayanapura, PID No. 43-125-17/A, BBMP Ward No. 43, Bengaluru.	East to West : 60 feet & North to South : 15 feet East by : 7th Cross West by : Conservancy lane North by : Same No. portion of Abdul Shukoor South by : A Atul Narasimahaiah Site	Rs. 20,58,751/- (Interest from 29.01.2021) Notice Date : 29.01.2021 Reserve Price Rs. 40,90,000/-	08-03-2021 12.00 P.M
6.	**Smt. Manjula. N** No.152/4, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Anantha Ramaiah Compound, Mysore Road, Benglauru-18. No.152/4, Old No. 118/147, BMP Ward No.45, PID No.45-1-152/4, Mysore Road, Anantha Ramaiah Compound Bengaluru.	East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 87+84 feet 2 East by : T. Narasimhaiah property. West by : Sampathraj & Lakshmma property. North by : Late Narayanappa's Property. South by : Road	Rs. 75,61,054/- (Interest from 29.01.2021) Notice Date : 29.01.2021 Reserve Price Rs. 74,11,000/-	08-03-2021 12.30 P.M
7.	**Sri.Ravichandran. C** No.10, 3rd Cross, Gowthamnagar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-21 No.12/18, 1st Main, Kalappa Block, BBMP Ward No. 25 of Ramchandrapura, PID No.25-4- 12/18, Bangalore.	East to West: 15 feet & North to South: 50 feet East by : Drainage & Burial Ground, West by : The property Municipal No. 12/179 belongs to M. Arjunan, North by : Property belongs to M. Shankaravelu, South by : Road & Drainage	Rs. 35,08,823/- (Interest from 29.01.2021) Notice Date : 29.01.2021 Reserve Price Rs. 41,29,000/-	08-03-2021 02.00 P.M
8.	**Sri. Rathnam (Deceased) Legal Heirs: 1.Anniyammal (Wife) 2.Palani .R (Son) 3.Lakshmi .R (Daughter)** No.9/1, 7th Cross Road Behind Manar Factory Magadi Road, Bengaluru-23. No. 9/1, Old No. 50, 8th Main, Mariyappanapalya, Kempapura Agrahara, Magadi Road, PID No. 31-32- 9/1, BMP Ward No.31, Bangalore.	East to West : 40 feet & North to South : 12+25 feet 2 East by : Site No. 45, West by : 20 feet Road, North by: Raja Kaluve, South by : Site No. 49,	Rs. 5,26,444/- (Interest from 29.01.2021) Notice Date : 29.01.2021 Reserve Price Rs. 33,99,000/-	08-03-2021 02.30 P.M

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No.3, Pampa Maha kavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18. (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10 % of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, If the successful bidder fails to Adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25 % of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance Within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like st duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at The Bangalore City Co. operative Bank ltd., Administrative office, or through phone No.26678572 / 26600512, they are at liberty to make their own Assessment / enquiry about the property.

Date : 01.02.2021
Place: Bangalore

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POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Undersigned being Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda** under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers/Mortgagors /Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Bank of Baroda,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower 1) Mr. Gangadharaiah S/o Siddiah **2) Mrs. Rajamma** W/o Gangadharaiah **3) Mr. Surendhra R G** S/o Gangadharaiah all are residing at No.189, Ramanahalli, Uragapura, Ramanagara District-562109.
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 6,95,407 (Rupees Six Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred and Seven Only) as on **28.01.2021** and interest thereon.
Demand Notice Dated : 03.12.2019 Possession Notice Date: 28.01.2021
Branch: Byramangala
Description of the Properties : All parts and parcels of the residential house bearing Khata No.59/302/419/A, property No.152900401300700061, Ramanahalli Village, Urgapura Post, Bidadi Hobli, Ramnagara Taluk and District-562109, admeasuring East to West 46 feet, North to South 23 feet (total extent of 98.29 sq. meters) Bounded By: East : Govt. Road, West : House of Puttamadaiah, North : V S S N Building, South : House of S Kumar.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower mortgagor 1) Mr. H K Prakash S/o Kempaiah No.2205, 3rd Cross, Kuvempu Nagara, Channapatna Town, Ramnagara Disrict-562160 **Guarantor: Mr. Dhananjaya P** S/o Puttaiah No.225, Mathikere, Channapattana, Ramanagaram-571510
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.10,85,641/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred Fourty One Only) as on **28.01.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
Demand Notice Dated : 06.01.2020 Possession Notice Date: 28.01.2021
Vandarguppe Branch,
Description of the Properties : All piece and parcel of the property of the land and premises bearing by Mr. H K Prakash residential Municipal Khatha No.12, Site No.6, situated at Mangalavarapete Village, Thittamaranahalli grama Panchayath Channapatna Taluk, Ramangagara District, measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 44 feet and total extent of 1100 feet. Bounded By: East : Road and Site No.7, West : Site No.5, North : Channel Road, South : Land of Sri. M T Nagaraju.

Date : 28.01.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

UCO BANK

(A Govt of India undertaking)
Malleswaram Branch
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the UCO Bank, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the Demand Notice dated **25.2.2020** calling upon the Borrower, **Mr.M.B.Chandresh and Mrs. Manjula S J,** No:2245/68, 9th Main, E Block, II Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore 560010 and **guarantor, Mr N.Shivanna,** 3501/A, 2nd Cross, C Block, Gayathri Nagar, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560 010 to repay the amount in the Notice being **Rs. 8,88,159.83** (Rupees Eight Lacs Eighty eight thousand One Hundred & Fifty Nine & Paise Eight Three only) as on **26.02.2020** along with further interest from **31.10.2019** and other charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantors having failed to repay the said amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **27th January 2021.**

The borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of UCO BANK Malleswaram, Branch, Bangalore for an amount of Rs 8,88,159.83 (Rupees Eight Lacs Eighty eight thousand One Hundred & Fifty Nine & Paise Eight Three only) along with further interest from 31.10.2019 and other charges thereon.

The Borrower's /Guarantor attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section-13 of the act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY : (Description of the Entire Property) : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No:12, Ward No : 9, Municipal No. : 2245/68, (Formed in Sy No: 15/1, Kethmaranahalli Village, Yashwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Rajaji Nagar 2nd Phase, E Block, 9th Main Road, Subramanya Nagar, Bangalore measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 30 feet and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property bearing No : 1166 of Subramanyam Mudaliar, North by : Property bearing No : 2244 of Sri Sugappa, South by : Property bearing No : 2246 and No 13.

Date : 27.1.2021
Place : Bangalore

Authorised Officer
UCO BANK

Oz Open delay a blessing in disguise for Serena

Serena Williams admitted that she might have been forced to skip the Australian Open if it hadn't been delayed over the coronavirus, saying she needed extra time to shake off the achilles injury. "I couldn't practice because of my achilles," she said. "I needed time. I don't think I would have been here if it was during the regular season. (The delay) was an unwanted blessing."

I'M NOT SHY ANYMORE, SAYS NATARAJAN

Air of confidence in pacer's voice after memorable 4 months

SRINIDHI PR @ Chennai

IN a span of a few months, T Natarajan's world has turned upside down. His phone has not stopped buzzing since landing in India. There could even be a biopic in the making, capturing his fairytale story of Chinnappampatti to Canberra. In an interview to select media, the southpaw credits the role of Bharat Arun for the success on his maiden international tour. He also spoke about his future aspiration among other things. Excerpts:

Do fans and YouTube channel outlets still crowd outside your home?
They are there everyday. Many come from far away places hoping to meet me. This is something new to me.

How do you view your life in the last few months?
It feels like a dream. I was hoping to get a chance to play in the IPL. Once I began doing well at the IPL, five months just went past like it. It's been an unforgettable last few months.

How do you look at the future?
I'm looking to play in all formats and will maintain my workload accordingly. BCCI is making sure I'm managing my workload judiciously.

Where do you think you need to improve?
My focus is on fitness now. If you are aiming to play all three formats, you need to be on top of your fitness.

Tell us about the transformation while playing with the Indian team
There was a lot of support in the dressing room. Never did I feel that I was new. I felt like I had been playing with them for a long time. Players, support staff and coaches made me comfortable. As I spent more time with the Indian team, I started understanding Hindi. I think I'm not shy any more.

The kind of influence bowling coach Bharat Arun has had on you?
I've worked with him even at Chemplast (while playing for the TNCA league). In Australia, I worked on numerous areas and his inputs were crucial. He was someone whom I knew well and was able to ask questions freely. He would share his inputs on how to bowl during a particular situation and how one can be more effective. Before every match, we would discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition and there was no change to that.

What did Ravi Shastri tell you?
Before I made my India debut, he said, 'do whatever you've been doing so far but do it with utmost confidence. Do it daringly.' The motivation one gets from him is enormous.

IPL to Test series... your most cherished wicket and why?
I don't know how to answer. Before the IPL I had mentioned that I'd love to take the wickets of Virat Kohli, AB de Villiers, MS Dhoni... when I did that, I was very happy. In Australia, I felt great bowling on those wickets because they were so conducive to pace bowling. The T20 series is still in my memory and the way my teammates supported me made the whole experience special.

What does the team want you to improve on?
They want me to work on my endurance. They seem to be happy with my skills. Red-ball cricket is a test of endurance.

Do you think you need to increase your pace too?
Definitely. From IPL to the limited-overs series in Australia, I was clocking 135 kmph consistently. The pace, however, reduced a bit in the Test. I think it's because of endurance.

How do you manage the workload?
This is the first time I played for six months at a stretch. During the lockdown, I worked on fitness. It was only due to the break I got during the pandemic that I was able to manage my workload better with good food and proper training.

Any instructions from the team management regarding the workload?
Having played for the last 6 months, BCCI had given me rest for some weeks. I've started training from today (Monday).

TNCA awaits BCCI nod for fans' return

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

Indian players during a training session at Chepauk in Chennai, on Monday | BCCI

THE second Test between India and England Test starting at the MA Chidambaram Stadium from February 13 will be played with a 50 per cent capacity with the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) awaiting written communication from the BCCI. On Monday morning, a day after the Tamil Nadu state government allowed stadiums to function with 50 per cent capacity, the TNCA received informal communication from the BCCI to make necessary arrangements to open the stands for the public.

While a formal communication from the BCCI was expected on Monday itself, TNCA was yet to receive one till late evening. "We have been told that we can operate with 50 per cent capacity for the second Test. Since the time is too short for the first Test, we are planning to just invite members from our clubs (360). We are still expecting confirmation from the BCCI," TNCA secretary RS Ramasaamy said.

The Chepauk stadium, which has a capacity of 45,000 fans, can operate with 20,000 for the second Test as the TNCA is looking to keep the pavilion and MCC terrace closed since the dressing room area will remain under bio-bubble. With I, J and K stands open, the TNCA won't have any problem in operating at 50 per cent capacity as it has already started the groundwork to get the necessary clearance from the state government. Since 20,000 is a huge number, the TNCA will have to put protocols in place like social distancing and a CCTV at areas at all entry and exit points.

It is understood that the BCCI is preparing a revised protocol which will be shared with the England and Wales Cricket Board. The Covid compliance officer travelling with the England team will then weigh in his thoughts, especially with safety measures in place, before a final call is taken. "It is important to get everything right as even an isolated incident can put the series in jeopardy. The first Test which will be played behind closed doors will give an indication," a BCCI official said.

Meanwhile, the Indian team after completing the quarantine trained at the stadium on Monday evening. This was the first outing since Brisbane. The England team will train for the first time as a group in Chennai on Tuesday as everyone tested negative in the third RT-PCR tests taken on Sunday.

Leach wants to be his own man

IMPACT PLAYER JACK LEACH

One area where England failed in 2016 was in their bowling department, they allowed the hosts to rack up big scores (India scored over 400 in all five Tests, including over 630 twice). The left-arm spinner will be entrusted to put a stop to this from spilling onto this tour. If he can exhibit control, he could set the tempo with his line.

Test	Wkts	5w
12	44	2

0
He is yet to play a Test against India

5/122
His best figures in Asia

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

SINCE the turn of the millennium, five English left-arm spinners — Ashley Giles, Monty Panesar, Ian Blackwell, Samit Patel and Zafar Ansari — have bowled on Indian soil in Test matches. While Blackwell and Patel were all-rounders on paper, Ansari, Panesar and Giles were tasked with containing or wicket-taking roles.

While Giles came over the wicket and worked on India's patience by drying up the runs in 2001 — his economy rate in India of 1.82 is one of the lowest for a visiting spinner — Ansari tried to keep things tidy at one end in 2016. But he bled runs like most of the English bowlers suffered on that tour.

Panesar, though, had success with the bite he got off the surface in 2012. With Graeme Swann for company, the left-armer bagged 17 wickets at 26.82. Jack Leach, the sixth left-arm spinner to bowl on Indian soil, is hoping to emulate the successes enjoyed by both Panesar and Giles during their travels here. But Leach wants to be his own man. While he didn't rule out aping their tactics, especially Giles' negative line, he backed his own methods in the quest to pick up wickets. "It's about sticking to my strengths and knowing what my optimum pace (is) before going up and down a bit," he said during a media interaction on Monday. "It's important to stick to that as much as possible."

The question surrounding optimum pace and spinners is an age-old one. Panesar was quicker through the air in that 2012 series and reaped dividends. However, the 29-year-old, who confessed to watching videos on spin bowling to learn tricks, said he wouldn't necessarily do what Panesar did. "Monty and Swann are bowlers I love to watch. I watch a lot of spin videos. Monty bowled at a quicker pace in India and that could be tricky on a spinning wicket. I am probably not going to be bowling the same speed."

In Sri Lanka, he was slower through the air than Panesar. Even if the tactic didn't work at times, he still managed to take 10 wickets at 35.50. Those numbers doesn't really inspire confidence but he is bullish in his abilities. In fact, he said he wouldn't do what Giles did, at least straightaway, because 'I feel I have got more dismissals in play'. "That is something we have talked about in Sri Lanka, definitely I guess change in our angles. Bowling over the wicket, for him, for his action, I prefer to bowl round the wicket."

Spinners are bound to get excited by playing on surfaces that traditionally offer assistance to spin and and Somerset lad, whose career has been blighted by injuries in the last 18 months or so, is no different. "This is the dream you have, to come to places like these. Obviously, it is a fantastic opportunity, and I want to enjoy. I definitely think I can make an impact in this series, obviously we have got three days training and I am not sure what the wicket is going to be like or anything, so not looking too far..."

What Leach does could decide how England fare. India, since the beginning of 2000, have lost 12 matches out of 97. In each of those 12 games, at least one bowler has gone on to take four or more wickets in an innings. Considering this list contains even journeyman spinners like Nicky Boje and Steve O'Keefe, Leach could emerge as an important option for the visitors.

DECODED | UNION BUDGET 2021-22

In Oly year, govt cuts sports budget by Rs 230 crore

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THE money allocated for sports in the Union Budget turned out be a mixed bag, especially with the Olympics only a few months away. While the Centre decided to hike allocation for national sports federations (NSFs), it also proposed to slash the amount earmarked as incentive to sportspersons.

The allocation for sports for the financial year 2021-22 has been reduced to ₹2596.14 crore, down ₹230.78 crore from last year's ₹2826.92. It is still ₹795.99 crore more than the revised budget of 2020-21, which was ₹1800.15 crore. However, the reduced figures in the revised budget could be attributed to the lack of activity caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

NUMBERS

232.71
Khelo India programme was handed the biggest reduction of Rs 232.71 crore among all sports heads.

160.41
SAI got a substantial hike of Rs 160.41 crore this time with the government allocating Rs 660.41 crore in the budget.

As per the budget presented by the finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday, the amount earmarked as assistance to NSFs has been hiked by ₹35 crore to ₹280 crore in comparison to the previous fiscal year. But the incentive to athletes has been slashed by ₹17 crore to ₹53 crore.

The budget proposed the biggest reduction to the government's flagship sports programme, Khelo India. In comparison to the previous year's allocation of ₹890.42 crore, only ₹657.71 was earmarked for the programme, a cut of ₹232.71 crore. Sports Authority of India (SAI) though managed to get a substantial hike of ₹160.41 crore from last year's ₹500 crore.

The SAI manages nationals camps, provides infrastructure, equipment and other logistics. Interestingly, while allocation under all heads in the revised budget for 2020-21 decreased due to the lockdown, SAI's share increased to ₹612.21 crore from ₹500 crore. Meanwhile, the budget for the National Sports Development Fund has also been halved to ₹25 crore. The allocation for the 2010 Commonwealth Games-SAI stadia renovation was also cut to ₹30 crore from ₹75 last year.

The National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons will get the same amount of ₹2 crore as earlier. Similarly, at ₹50 crore, there was no change in the allocation for the enhancement of sports facilities in Jammu and Kashmir. The Laxmi Bai National Institute of Physical Education will continue to get ₹55 crore, while the contribution to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has been marginally hiked to ₹2.5 crore from ₹2 crore.

Jordan Murray: The Ian Hume version 2.0 of KBFC

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

'HUMETTAN' is a nickname very close to the heart of the Kerala Blasters fanbase. The Canadian international had arrived at the newly-formed club with little fanfare in the inaugural edition of the Indian Super League as all the attention was on other high-profile players like David James and Michael Chopra.

However, as the season progressed, Hume endeared himself to the yellow army thanks to his work rate, commitment and also goals that saw the fans attach ettan (which means big brother in Malayalam) to his name and elevated him to the status of a club legend.

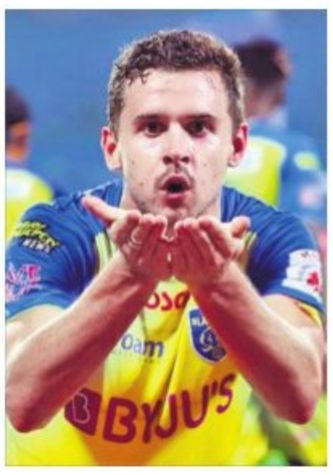
In the ongoing season of the ISL, they have a player in a similar mould in the form of Jordan Murray. The Australian striker was a low-profile signing with the likes of Gary Hooper, Bakary Kone and Vicente Gomez hogging all the attention thanks to their illustrious CVs.

However, over the course of what has been a roller coaster campaign, Murray has established himself as one of the most important players for the club and has been a revelation.

At times in the season, he almost single-handedly lifted the team and his six goals have been a big reason why the wheels haven't fully come off from their campaign.

The 25 year-old is firmly in contention for the Golden Boot and all his goals have come at a time when the team were struggling for form and results.

At the moment, he is almost un-droppable but the former



Central Coast player doesn't want to take things for granted. "Coming into the squad late was difficult but we have some very established players in the team, so of course it will be hard to make the team. I don't like to say that I have cemented my spot, since I have good competition and the others are pushing hard as well. I'm very happy to be playing in the team but yeah, I work very hard for it," said Murray.

He has made such an impact that even Hooper has been overshadowed, but for Murray, playing alongside the English striker has been massive.

"I believe it is good to have Gary to play up top with me in the team. It eases the pressure on myself and I guess we both have that striker's instinct which helps us connect and understand each other's runs. I talk a lot about Gary because I have watched him on TV since I was a kid. I'm learning every day from him. This makes the ISL experience even better," he said.

Many have tipped Murray to be one of the contenders for this season's Golden Boot and he is focussed on helping his team in whatever way possible. "Every player has the expectations to score goals and I just want to do my best for the team, obviously see my own targets help the team. I want to score as many goals as I can, play as much as I can and give my all for the team," he concluded.

Odisha lose to Jamshedpur

Mohammad Mobashir Rahman's first half strike helped Jamshedpur FC record a morale-boosting 1-0 win over Odisha FC in the ISL on Monday. Mobash scored a 41st-minute goal which proved to be the difference between the two sides.

EXPRESS READ

Nagal begins 2021 season with defeat

MELBOURNE: India's Sumit Nagal began his 2021 season with an opening round defeat at the Murray River Open, losing in straight sets to Ricardas Berankis, here on Monday in the run up to the Australian Open. Nagal, who does not give up easily, suffered a rather tame 2-6, 2-6 defeat in the ATP 250 event.

Rani & Co end Argentina tour with 1-1 draw

BUENOS AIRES: The Indian women's hockey team put up a spirited show to hold World No 2 Argentina to a 1-1 draw and end its tour of the country on a high. Skipper Rani Rampal struck for India in the 35th minute. Emilia Forcherio scored for the home team through a penalty stroke.

Alcohol in 2022 WC stadiums for fans

DOHA: Alcohol will be available to football fans in stadiums at the 2022 World Cup, but so far only to those purchasing hospitality packages, the contractor said. No ruling on the availability of alcohol for standard ticket-holders has yet been issued.

Inside story on Liverpool's title-winning season

MUMBAI: It was the season that captured the hearts and minds of Liverpool fans across the globe, a season met with challenges that had never been faced before but ended in glory with captain Jordan Henderson holding the greatest prize in English football aloft. 'The end of the storm', a 90-minute documentary available on ***discovery+***, tells the inside story of Liverpool's title-winning 2019-20 EPL season.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No 25 of 2020 – 21

O-998: The Executive Engineer RWS&S Division, Balangir on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage bid through e – Procurement in double cover system according to norm of e – Procurement system in online mode for the different work in different blocks under Balangir District.

01. Nature of Work:- **Construction of Pump house, ESR, OGR, pump house with laying of rising main and distribution in different villages of Balangir District.**
02. Total No of work :- **30 Nos.**
03. Estimated Cost :- **Rs. 62.13 to 260.53 Lakh**
04. Eligible Class of Contractor: - **" B & A Class" Contractor.**
05. Period of Completion :- **Ten Month & Twelve month**
06. Other Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Executive Engineer, RWSS Division, Balangir	25 of 2020-21	Dt. 08.02.2021 At. 11.00 Hrs	Dt. 26.02.2021 upto. 17.00 Hrs

Further details can be had in the DTCN available in the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

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UNION BUDGET 2021-22

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With the finance minister unveiling a massive spending plan for the next fiscal year — a 34% increase in capital expenditure — we break down the state-wise infrastructure outlay in the 2021-22 Budget and also look at what the policies mean for certain sectors

Big capex push for reviving economy

Workers paint the Rajendran Iron Bridge at Thiruvalam in Ranipet, Tamil Nadu | EXPRESS

INDUSTRY AND INFRASTRUTURE GET BOOSTER SHOTS

Expansive Production-linked incentive scheme:

₹1.97 LAKH CRORE

has been committed for the next half-decade for PLI schemes across sectors beginning FY2021-22.

National Infrastructure Project pipeline expanded to 7,400 projects

Others 29%
Railways 12%
Urban 17%
Energy 24%
Road 18%

POWER CAPACITY TO BE EXPANDED

₹3,05,984 crore

Outlay for revamped reforms-based result-linked power distribution sector scheme

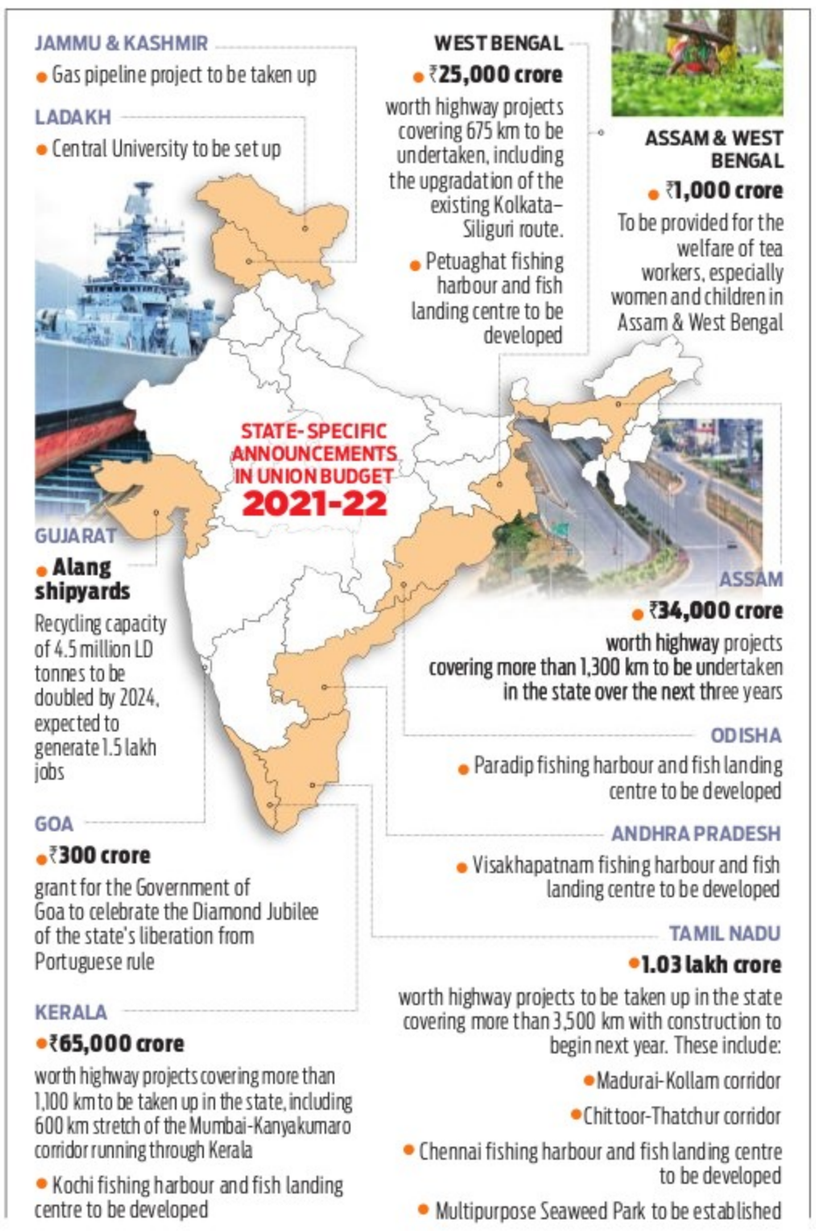
Hydrogen energy mission to be launched to develop alternate power sources

NATIONAL RAIL PLAN

Aims to increase modal share of railways in freight transport

CURRENT 27%
TARGET 45% in 2030

- Aims to electrify all Broad Gauge routes by 2023
- To develop automatic train protection system


JAMMU & KASHMIR
Gas pipeline project to be taken up
LADAKH
Central University to be set up
WEST BENGAL
₹25,000 crore
worth highway projects covering 675 km to be undertaken, including the upgradation of the existing Kolkata–Siliguri route.
Petuaghat fishing harbour and fish landing centre to be developed
ASSAM & WEST BENGAL
₹1,000 crore
To be provided for the welfare of tea workers, especially women and children in Assam & West Bengal
STATE-SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENTS IN UNION BUDGET 2021-22
GUJARAT
Alang shipyards
Recycling capacity of 4.5 million LD tonnes to be doubled by 2024, expected to generate 1.5 lakh jobs
ASSAM
₹34,000 crore
worth highway projects covering more than 1,300 km to be undertaken in the state over the next three years
GOA
₹300 crore
grant for the Government of Goa to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the state's liberation from Portuguese rule
ODISHA
Paradip fishing harbour and fish landing centre to be developed
ANDHRA PRADESH
Visakhapatnam fishing harbour and fish landing centre to be developed
KERALA
₹65,000 crore
worth highway projects covering more than 1,100 km to be taken up in the state, including 600 km stretch of the Mumbai-Kanyakumaro corridor running through Kerala
Kochi fishing harbour and fish landing centre to be developed
TAMIL NADU
1.03 lakh crore
worth highway projects to be taken up in the state covering more than 3,500 km with construction to begin next year. These include:
Madurai-Kollam corridor
Chittoor-Thatchur corridor
Chennai fishing harbour and fish landing centre to be developed
Multipurpose Seaweed Park to be established

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR OTHER MINISTRIES

Ministry Of Chemicals And Fertilisers
₹80,714 crore

Ministry Of Civil Aviation
₹3,224 crore

Ministry Of Coal
₹534 crore

Ministry Of Commerce And Industry
₹12,768 crore

Ministry Of Communications
₹75,265 crore

Ministry Of Culture
₹2,687 crore

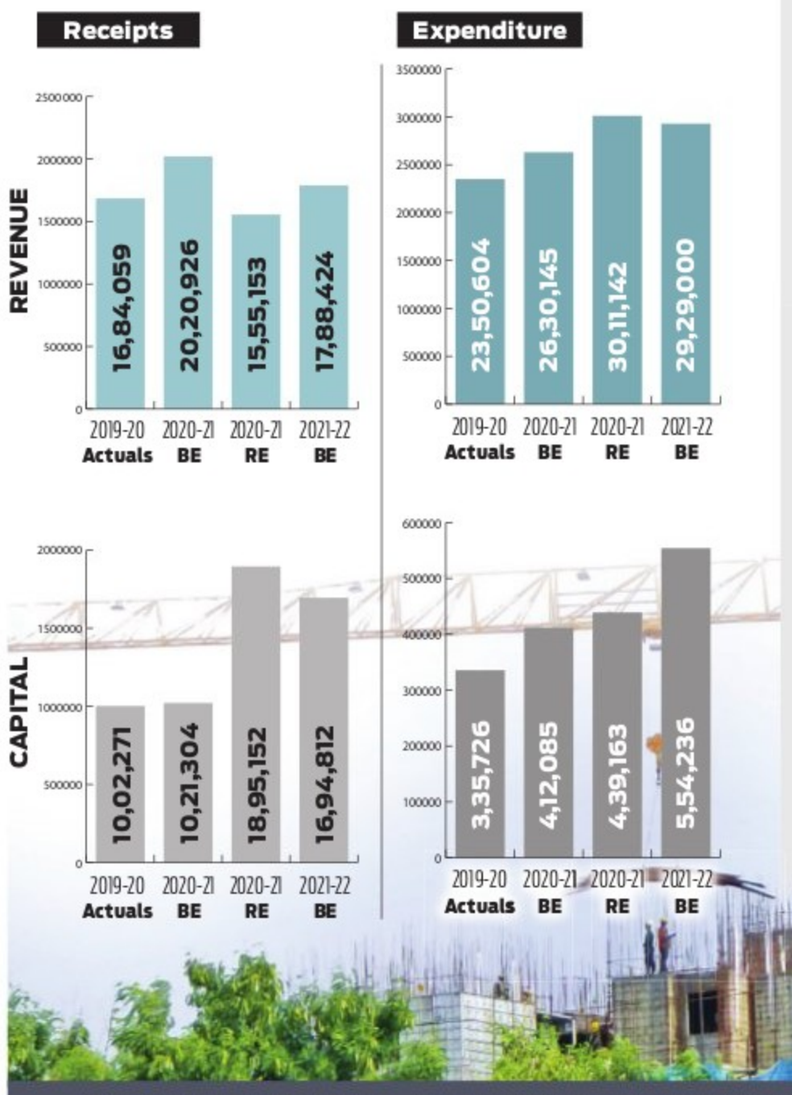
Ministry Of Earth Sciences
₹1,897 crore

Ministry Of Electronics And Information Technology
₹9,720 crore

Ministry Of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry And Dairying
₹4,322 crore

BALANCING THE BOOKS

VALUES IN RUPEES CRORE | BE: BUDGET ESTIMATE | RE: REVISED ESTIMATE



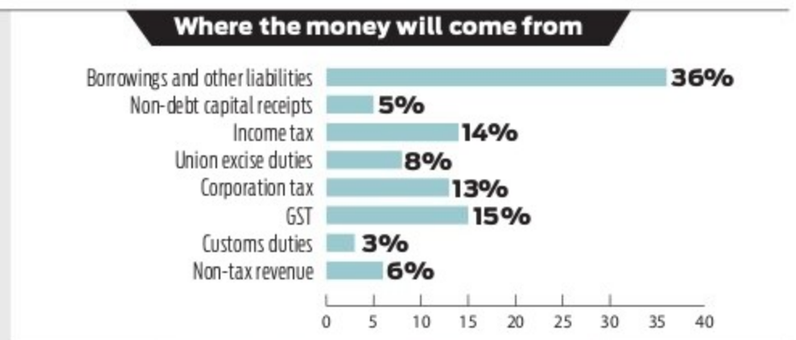
SHARP INCREASE IN CAPEX

2.5%

Capital expenditure (capex) has been budgeted at 2.5% of India's GDP in 2021-22, up from about 1.7% in preceding years

34%

growth in allocation of capital expenditure in budget from FY21 to FY22. The growth rate is 26% when compared with FY21's revised estimates


Where the money will come from
Borrowings and other liabilities 36%
Non-debt capital receipts 5%
Income tax 14%
Union excise duties 8%
Corporation tax 13%
GST 15%
Customs duties 3%
Non-tax revenue 6%
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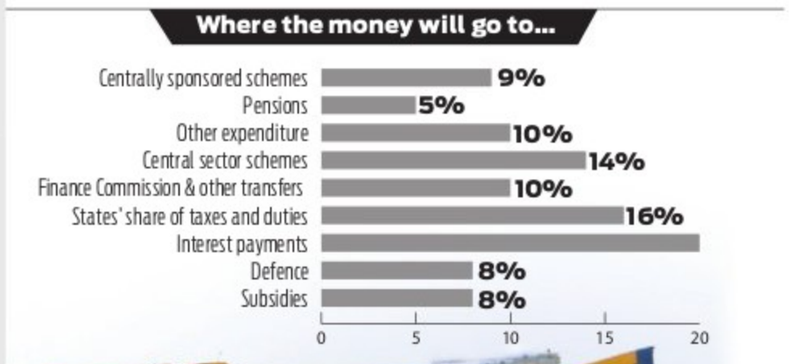

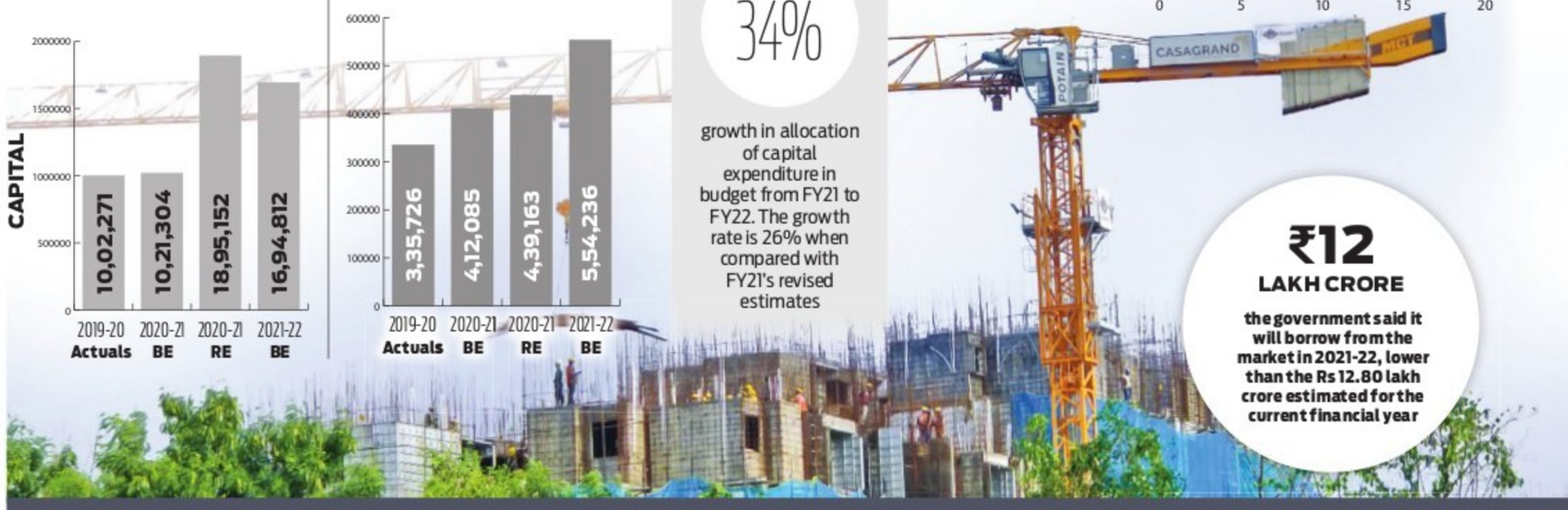

₹12 LAKH CRORE

the government said it will borrow from the market in 2021-22, lower than the Rs 12.80 lakh crore estimated for the current financial year

MAJOR METRO PROJECTS GET CENTRAL BOOST

CHENNAI METRO: ₹63,246 crore
Central counterpart funding for Chennai Metro Rail Phase-II covering 118.9 km

BENGALURU ₹14,788 crore
Central counterpart funding Bengaluru Metro Railway Project Phase 2A and 2B covering 58.19 km

KOCHI METRO ₹1,957.05 crore
Central counterpart funding for Kochi Metro Phase-II project covering 11.5 km

NAGPUR METRO ₹5,976 crore
Central counterpart funding for Nagpur Metro Rail Project Phase-II

NASHIK METRO ₹2,092 crore
Central counterpart funding for Nashik Metro Rail Project

MULTI-STATE PROJECTS

RAILWAYS

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR

263.7 km
Sonnagar – Gomoh Section of Eastern DFC will be taken up in PPP mode in 2021-22

274.3 km
Gomoh-Dankuni section to also be taken up in quick succession

New freight corridor projects to come up in sections such as:

Kharagpur-Vijayawada

Bhusaval-Kharagpur-Dankuni

Itarsi-Vijayawada

HIGHWAYS:

Odisha, Chhattisgarh, & Andhra Pradesh:

464 km
Raipur-Vishakhapatnam highway project to be awarded this year; construction to begin in 2021-22

CENSUS FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE DIGITAL, SAYS FINANCE MINISTER

The government has allocated Rs 3,726 crore for forthcoming Census, which will be the first digital census, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said. She added she said the government is also working on a language translation initiative.

EMPHASIS ON USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO TRACK TAX EVASION

India had already adopted AI tools to curb tax evasion. Sitharaman highlighted the efforts, saying, "We have also deployed deep analytics and Artificial Intelligence to identify tax evaders and fake billers, and launched special drives against them,"

Few hits, many misses for IT sector, startups

TECHNOLOGY

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

THE Union Budget 2020-21 scored few hits but had many misses when it comes to India's IT/ITES industry and startup sectors.

The Modi government's digital first approach — right from Rs 50,000 crore allocation for R&D to digital census — did find praiseworthy mentions among tech industry leaders, however the expectations of more policy related clarity on companies working out of Special Economic Zones, tax rebates, employee related measures were found amiss.

Although Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's claim of a big boost to startups by extending the tax holidays till March 31, 2022, is perceived as an worthy move, the announcement came with a rider that only those firms registered with Inter Ministerial Board (IMB) would be able to claim the benefit.

Ashish Agarwal, Head Public policy , Nasscom told this newspaper that only 400 start-ups, out of 4000 registered with DPIIT, would be able to avail the tax holiday benefit. Besides, the concern of tax benefits of Employee Stock option plan (ESOPS) remained unaddressed , which pertained to exemption of taxes till the stocks are vested. However, registration of one person companies with no restrictions on paid-up capital and turnover as well as easing the compliance burden for NRIs are seen as positive moves for startup ecosystem.

K Ganesh, serial entrepreneur and promoter of companies such as Big Basket, said that by including companies that have a capital base up to ₹2 crore in the category of small companies unlike the current limit of Rs 50 lakh would provide compliance benefits to over 2 lakh companies. Limited Liability Partnerships are now decriminalised and the flexibility to convert a company to any form or LLP is going to increase the ease of starting business.

However, Ganesh said the budget should have made a strong push for government purchases from Indian start-ups. This would benefit atmanirbar goals, drive employment and create a greater demand for indigenous startups.

The finance minister's announcement of setting up a world class fintech hub as well as allocating Rs 1,500 crore for digital payments was a reason for cheer especially since UPI transactions have crossed 2 billion a month mark during the pandemic.

"I'm hoping the funds will be used towards developing alternatives to Zero MDR policy and initiatives towards bringing digital financial literacy in vernacular languages. These will instil trust in the system and accelerate adoption from MSMEs and entrepreneurs who are apprehensive towards moving money digitally," Harshil Mathur, CEO & Co-founder of Razorpay, said.

PAYMENTS

₹1,500 crore

allocated for giving a boost to digital transactions. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the money will fund a scheme that "will provide financial incentive to promote digital modes of payment".

Customs duty hike may make ACs costlier

MANUFACTURING

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has proposed an increase in customs duty on items that included mobile phone parts and compressors.

Industry body Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association (CEAMA) President Kamal Nandi said, "The customs duty revision for the compressors, used in refrigeration and air conditioning, from 12.5% to 15% will promote indigenous manufacturing... There have been increases in import duties on motors and PCBs as well." He, however, added, "these are good for the medium and long term but will impact price adversely in short term due to insufficient output capacities." All compressors used in domestic manufacturing of ACs and refrigerators are imported from overseas. Hence a customs duty hike may impact prices of finished goods.

Manufacturers such as Panasonic, Blue Star and LG said that they would bear the impact instead of passing it on to the consumers.

The Union Budget 2021 also announced a 2.5% customs duty on certain mobile phone parts and power banks for greater domestic value addition. Counterpoint Research Associate Director Tarun Pathak said there might be an increase in prices for short term or a modest increase.

Sitharaman also proposed to hike customs duty on specific auto parts like ignition wiring sets, safety glass, parts of signaling equipment, from 7.5-10% to 15%. The parts would also attract agri infrastructure and development cess at 5%.

Textile industry upbeat on budget

GARMENTS

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

THE textile industry is upbeat with the boost given to the sector in the budget. Seven mega integrated textile region and apparel parks have been proposed to come up over three years, and reduction of the basic customs duty on raw material for man-made textiles has been praised by the industry.

"The mega textile parks with plug-and-play facilities by the government will help in creating world class infrastructure in the textile sector, bring in investment, increase exports and provide employment," said A Sakthivel, chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC).

The rationalization of GST and customs will also help in easy access to raw materials and export of value -added products, added Sakthivel.

Raja M Shanmugham, president of Tirupur Exporters' Association, says the budget has taken care of all issues of the industry. "The textile parks will help to create global export champions from the country," said Shanmugham. Tirupur in Tamil Nadu is the country's knitwear hub.

However, Southern India Mills Association (SEMA) wanted the PM to withdraw the levy of 10% import duty on cotton and cotton waste.

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TUESDAY

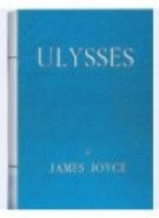
DAY'S DIARY

Ulysses is born

On this day in 1922, James Joyce's *Ulysses*, generally regarded as the greatest English novel, was published in Paris

THE NOVELIST

Born in Dublin, on February 2, 1882, the Irish novelist is noted for his experimental use of language in works such as *Ulysses* (1922) and *Finnegans Wake* (1939)



BIRTHDAY GIFT

James had chosen the release of the novel on his 40th birthday. With 18 episodes, the novel is set in Dublin, Ireland. It has three main characters

SYLVIA SAVES

Sylvia Beach of Shakespeare and Co was willing to take all the financial and legal risk onto herself and publish the novel

Shooting for Totapuri resumes in Mysuru

PG 4

The tourism and hospitality industries have been among the worst affected industries and are struggling to cope. We expected the Union Budget to address this sector which didn't receive any relief. We were hoping for reductions in GST rates from 18 per cent to at least 12 per cent on room tariff to improve our occupancy. The sector contributes almost 10 per cent of the GDP to the economy and generates almost 9-10 per cent of the total employment and is still awaiting industry status.

Wajeed Bagwan, general manager, Oakwood Premier Prestige

The luxury industry expected measures to boost domestic consumption. The budget turned out to be a disappointment, as no changes were made to individual taxation. With an already strained economy, and measures like agri-cess on fuel, consumers will be left with less disposable income, and not more. Indians love to shop during international vacations. With no customs duty or GST cuts on luxury goods, we will still travel overseas and continue to shop overseas, while India's high-streets will be left high and dry. The need of the hour is a direct boost to domestic consumption. And a solution to that is nowhere to be seen in this budget.

Nirupesh Joshi, co-founder, Bangalore Watch Company

It is a big letdown for the film industry. We are one of the largest revenue-generating industries in India. The banking sector in India is not favourable to filmmakers. On the other hand, the government charges exorbitant taxes without giving the entertainment industry any sort of infrastructure boost or favourable financial assistance.

Pushkara Mallikarjuniah, producer, Kannada film industry

Express Illustration

The Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana, with an a allocation of around ₹64,180 crore to develop primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare system, is one of the innovative schemes in this budget. This is apart from the existing National Health Mission project, and I hope it will boost delivery of healthcare to the last man in the health chain.

Pooja Gandhi, actor

Incentivisation of one-person companies is a big move for the startup sector in this year's Union Budget. This will encourage more people to grow and take the plunge in the startup sector. Also, the tax audit is exempted till ₹10 crore. So younger companies, if not startups will not have to go through the tax audit, making it easy for them. Startups have also got tax holiday for a year which is a step in the right direction.

Deep Lalvani, founder Sublime Life

It is definitely disappointing that the union budget did not have anything for the entertainment industry this time. We expect the government to give us tax benefits which are of utmost importance. We are paying huge amounts as GST and entertainment tax while making a film. This is hitting our workforce very hard. We cannot pay them when there are so many tax layers levied on us.

T S Nagabhama, director

CHANGE IN THE PURSE

Big deal or a raw one? Bengalureans across sectors talk to *CE* about whether the Union Budget has brought in dough or disappointment

Reduction of margin from 25 per cent to 15 per cent under StartUp India is a welcome move by the Finance Minister. This means an increase in bank funding availability for eligible beneficiaries by 10 per cent, and lowers the burden of self-funding a green field project for an entrepreneur.

Chinu Kala, founder, Rubans Accessories

If horror films are your thing, then 22-year-old filmmaker Aditya DN's 30-minute movie, *Happy Birthday*, has all the ingredients of a gripping thriller

Long & short of thrill

EXPRESS FEATURES

A long drive to Kodagu with friends for a birthday celebration. A halt at an eerie house that is known to be associated with a tragic past is the premise of this short film called *Happy Birthday* by 22-year-old Aditya DN. A Kannada horror short film, it was released on the YouTube channel of MARC Motion pictures, recently.

According to Aditya, who has directed and conceptualised the movie, all the actors in the movie are theatre artistes, and the film has been shot with a minimal budget. "We shot the whole movie in December 2020 and wanted to release it in the month of January. It took me some time to finish the story. But the moment the story was ready, work on dialogues began," says Aditya, adding that the 30-minute movie was premiered at Urvashi theatre on Jan. 28. Within a few days, the movie has got over 2,500 views. He also believes that the movie is going to stay in the minds of viewers because of the genre. "Horror films are usually a crowd-favourite and this is just the first weekend," says an optimistic Aditya.

Before this movie, Aditya, who has a Bachelors in Business Administration, started directing short films during the lockdown when he was confined to his home and could not go to theatre for theatre rehearsals. Now, he has already made three short films. Being introduced to the acting world through theatre, Aditya believes that the digital format of filmmaking is a blessing for many newcomers like himself. "In the digital age, the short format with a gripping subject is the key to grabbing a viewer's attention. It's the age of shorter and crisper content. People have such busy lives that they need stimulating content," says Aditya, adding that from the filmmaker's point of view, it's not always possible to make a full-length movie. "In today's age where many people's careers have been made after videos have gone viral, the shorter formats provide a lot of opportunity to get visibility," he adds.

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> Aditya DN, director Happy Birthday

CITY READ

Virtual show

The International Young Chef Olympiad (YCO) is back to celebrate the multi-cultural diversity of food from across the world, but this time in a virtual format. The seventh edition of the event will be held virtually this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic till Feb. 6. YCO 2021 will witness participation of student chefs from 50 countries, including Spain, Canada, Switzerland, Italy, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Thailand, South Korea, Turkey, UAE, Sweden, among others.

Dubai Food Festival from Feb. 25

Bengalureans can head to Dubai which will celebrate its status as the region's gastronomic hub with the return the Dubai Food Festival (DFF) from February 25 to March 13. The eighth edition of the annual culinary extravaganza will include three weekends of food and dining experiences held throughout the city. This year's edition will focus on four highlights of Dubai's foodie scene: rich culinary diversity, authentic and homegrown cuisine, unique restaurant experiences, and exceptional value for money. From street food sizzlers and a family friendly fare to fine dining decadence, DFF has a cuisine for every palate and budget.

ALTER THE COURSE OF FASHION BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT

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Start a new trend with designers from all over India
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THE LALIT ASHOK
10 am to 8 pm
Govt safety protocols in place

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

LOL EVENINGS

Get ready for an evening filled with witty, wacky, and weird comedy as Bengaluru boys, Anand Rathnam, Joteen Patro, Gautham Govindan talk about the misery of lockdown, working from home, and other subjects. **When:** Unti Feb 25, 8 pm **Where:** Bistro Claytopia, Koramangala **Details:** 95387 06203

IN BRIEF

This Tuesday, experience a heart-plucking session of poetry, and good company at Lahe Lahe. The theme is adapt.

Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar

When: Feb 2

Details: 9886294444

TUNE IN

It is never too late to say sorry. Join this event to experience "I am Sorry tunes", a music genre to express yourself with your loved ones **When:** Until Feb 28, 10 am **Where:** Online **Details:** bookmyshow.com

HIP HOP

Experience a roller coaster Hip Hop trend with the HipHop seniors. Tap your feet for the captivating dance form and be a part of the Hip Hop cultural movement. **When:** Feb 2 onwards, 4 pm **Where:** The Studio by LDVS, Wheeler Road **Details:** 098450 15123

ENJOY LIVE MUSIC AT BANGALORE AIRPORT BY THE B-SIDE AND EXPERIENCE A MIX OF ELECTIC BOLLYWOOD NUMBERS WHERE: BLR AIRPORT WHEN: FEB 6, 7PM - 10PM

CLICK AWAY

An elaborate package of computer programming, 3D modeling, mobile and web development for kids is just a click away. Each course is of five days with a duration of one hour sessions each day. **When:** Feb 2 - Feb 24, 10 am **Where:** Zoom **Details:** bookmyshow.com

FUN WORKOUT

Join the group zumba session and experience a complete digital fitness session. The duration of the session is 30 mins. **When:** Until Feb 28 **Details:** 9062493160

GET CREATIVE

Get your hands on the Mandala art, a one-page spotlight workshop. Learn the art therapy for product ideas like brochures, bookmarks, posters, wall paintings, and more. **When:** Feb 2 - Mar 31, 6 pm

Where: Online

Details: bookmyshow.com

SWEAT IT OUT

Enroll your kids in gymnastic classes to keep them fit and healthy. Only four kids are allowed per session. **When:** Feb 2 to April 28, 4 pm **Where:** The Studio by LDVS, Wheeler Road **Details:** 98450 15123

POP MUSIC

My Ex Ate My Guitar, an acoustic trio is here to take you into the world of pop and rock music.. From Michael Jackson to Eric Clapton, from Coldplay to Rihanna to Adam Levine, they have got you covered. **When:** Feb 4, 8:30 pm **Where:** Hard Rock Cafe, St Marks Road **Details:** 4124 2222

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

HEALTHY PUMPKIN KHEER

INGREDIENTS

- **Pumpkin:** 200-250 gm
- **Jaggery:** 1 cup
- **Milk:** 2 cups
- **Cardamom powder** to taste

METHOD

- Remove the skin of the pumpkin, and roughly chop it. Pressure cook it to two whistles without adding water. When cool, puree it.
- Add 3/4 cup water to jaggery and boil. Strain it. You can also use jaggery powder.
- In another pan, boil the milk, simmer it for few minutes.
- Add the pumpkin puree, jaggery syrup and cardamom powder.
- Mix it well. Serve hot or chilled.

— Rama Shecar, Kochi

FIT BIT

NIRALAMBA PASCHIMOTTANASANA

(UNSUPPORTED BACK STRETCHING POSE)

In Sanskrit, Niralamba means 'unsupported' or 'alone,' paschima means 'back', uttana means 'stretch' and asana means 'seat' or 'posture'. It requires a very flexible spine. Before trying it, you should be a master in Paschimottanasana. Niralamba Paschimottanasana is a seated posture, in which the upper body is folded forward over the legs. It is considered to be a calming posture, and may therefore be therapeutic for anxiety and depression. It is naturally introspective, and can be paired with slow breath work for a more meditative experience.

STEPS

- First, inhale, sit in the position with the legs outstretched and the feet together.
- Then, bend the knees and bring them to the chest, keeping the feet flat on the floor. Place the arms outside the legs and grasp the soles of the feet.
- Now, relax the whole body and focus on a fixed point.
- Then, lean backwards slightly onto the coccyx, lifting the feet off the floor.
- Retain the breath and slowly raise the feet and straighten the knees.
- At this stage, you can balance on the buttocks.
- Now, pulling the arms back, draw the knees towards the head.
- You can relax the back as much as possible in the final position but don't strain yourself.
- You can hold the position for as long as it is comfortable, breathing deeply and slowly.
- Keeping the balance, you can slowly bend the knees. Retaining the breath, lower the feet, while exhaling, to the floor. Now, stretch the legs forward.
- Relax the whole body.
- Practise up to 3 rounds, or hold once for up to 3 minutes.

BENEFITS

- It stretches the hamstring muscles and increases flexibility in the hip joints.
- It tones and massages the entire abdominal and pelvic region including the liver, pancreas, spleen, kidneys and adrenal glands.
- It removes excess abdominal weight and helps alleviate disorders of the urogenital system.
- It stimulates circulation to the nerves and muscles of the spine.
- This asana is used in yoga therapy for the management of prolapse, menstrual disorders, sluggish liver, diabetes, colitis, kidney complaints, bronchitis and eosinophilia.

LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from slipped disc, sciatica, sacral infections, high blood pressure or heart disease and pregnant women should not practise this asana.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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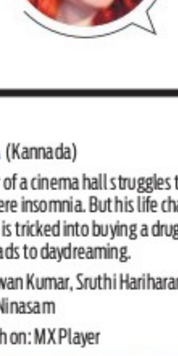

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YEARLY DEPARTED (English)
Yearly Departed is a hilarious, absurd, life-affirming comedy special, where seven outspoken female comedians lay to rest the year that never seemed to end.
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Carrying bags and baggage

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The government has done it once again. Well, among other things that have been making news over the past few days, it has brought back memories of demonetisation and lockdown. In my house at least, Saturday was a day to swallow a sudden change in daily life, make new plans in a hurry, and draw up all the mental and emotional resources needed to keep the adrenaline levels down and serotonin levels up.

It started in a manner of seconds, as soon as the WhatsApp message came from the teacher that annual exams for students of Class 9 and 11 will be held as scheduled, starting in the next 10 days, and since schools have been asked to reopen for higher classes now, the tests will be conducted offline too. As the 16-year-old sitting next to me chuckled nervously, I peeped into his phone, and saw messages cascading rapidly on the group chat. I could visualise the faces of kids exactly matching the wide-eyed emojis that they so wanted to post, but could not. The teacher, I am sure, would have muted the conversation after protests and pleas began descending rapidly, culminating in a couple of online petitions launched by some parents.

The students, having got accustomed to taking 'open tests' all through the year, have suddenly found themselves getting plucked out of the bedroom and plonked into the classroom. And it's not just teenagers having flashbacks of life, the way we led it almost a year ago. Few of us realised when we stopped ticking off the kids for attending classes in pajamas while lying sprawled on the bed. We even started handing the glass of milk to them as they rubbed their eyes in front of the screens and logged into the online class. But now, memories of the early morning rush, which had been buried deep in the mind, are leaping back to consciousness. With added worries.

Who will drop and pick up the child to school? Unable to charge transport fee this time, schools are unlikely to present themselves in the service of parents, and arrange buses at the fag end of the academic year. As Junior wondered about the whereabouts of his identity card, I sized him up, literally. There is no way the old uniform would fit now. What if the shoes have collected mould, and the school bag doesn't zip properly? Will the teacher insist that the notebooks be covered and labelled properly now? Oh, and will the youngsters experience gadget withdrawal symptoms?

And the biggest dilemma of all: Is it safe, finally? Kids are no longer a rare sight in malls or restaurants. Families are travelling to crowded beach resorts for vacations. Experts are talking about the flattening of the curve.

The initial shock over, I could see some thoughts light up the boy's eyes. It's tough not to be happy, when you think of meeting old friends after 10 months. I pictured them in my mind: Boys and girls, each looking taller and older than the last time they saw each other, wondering if they are allowed to shake hands or slap backs, realising that such-and-such teacher looks so different on screen.

Yes, they have suffered enough. Perhaps it's time after all that we took a deep breath, spread our wings, nudged theirs, and pushed them out of the nest.

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NOT SO BASIC

Ashwini Dixit

Karishma Devnani

Tuck it in, knot it up or layer it with accessories... city fashion enthusiasts and stylists say there's more than one way to jazz up those now trendy basic white and black tees

MONIKA MONALISA

THERE'S no going wrong with the classic blue jeans, white t-shirt look. Known as wardrobe essentials and mostly taken for granted, these basic t-shirts don't have to be so basic anymore. Making a comeback in a glam avatar are these plain-coloured tees, with city fashion enthusiasts suggesting multiple ways to oomph that look. Adding some elements can make it one of the most versatile pieces in your wardrobe, suitable for both day and night events.

Karishma Devnani, a model and celebrity stylist, says one might think basic t-shirts, especially white ones, are one of the best bases for an outfit suitable for any kind of event. "For instance, pair it with a well-fitted blazer and you are all set for a dinner or even for a semi-formal meeting. Or put on a bomber jacket while catching up with friends for a drink or any outing. Of course, teaming it up with denims is a traditional

favourite," says 25-year-old Devnani, adding that to have some fun with denims, one can go for big, coloured hoops that give a burst of colour. This will also bring the late '80s and early '90s fashion back.

While all of us have our favourite stars who can carry the basic look like no other, Devnani's personal favourite is Deepika Padukone. "What I like about her style is that she can carry her look in a glam way and also tone it down when needed. She does a lot of pairing with gold jewellery like big hoops or layers of gold chains or just wears a Cartier bracelet. That's enough to lift the whole look," she adds.

Agrees Ashwini Dixit, a fashion blogger, who suggests that if gold and accessories are too over-the-top for your style, you can pair the t-shirts with palazzos or skirts. "With palazzos, you can tuck-in a plain tee, put on heels and you're good to go. With skirts, you can try a side knot, and if you are comfortable, expose a little bit of the midriff," says Dixit, adding that one can expand their collection of basic t-shirts by opting for different colours – beige, tans, caramel browns, reds and greens. "You can team a beige with army green cargos and sneakers, and you are set for the day," she adds.

Mostly a go-to wardrobe option for college students, what makes these a crowd favourite is also the affordability factor."In college, you want to be stylish but the budget is quite limited. So the safest bet is going with accessories, which go really well with plain tees," says Shreya Kashyap, a second-year student from Mount Carmel College.

CITY READ

Children's plays

With plays for adults running houseful shows, Ranga Shankara is now ready to welcome young audiences. Two of Ranga Shankara's popular children's plays, *Circle of Life* and *Chippi the Chipkali* will be staged on Feb 7. *Circle of Life* will be performed at 3.30 pm and *Chippi the Chipkali* at 7.30 pm. Both plays were produced under Ranga Shankara's AHA! Theatre for Children wing and have premiered at many renowned children's theatre festivals around the world, such as the Izmir International Puppet Days in Turkey and the China Children's Theatre Festival. Tickets are available on bookmyshow.com.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Centre for Global Languages, Bengaluru City University is inviting students to register for French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Korean and Chinese language courses. The certificate courses are for a duration of four months . Admission is on first come first serve basis. Application form available at the department on Palace Road.

Remembering Holocaust horrors

EXPRESS FEATURES

Rev Dr Peter Machado, archbishop of Bengaluru

The Consulate General of Israel to South India hosted a ceremony commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day with the participation of government officials, foreign diplomats, and clergy at the Bengaluru International Center, Domlur, recently. The hybrid ceremony was attended both physically and online, as to these times call for minimum physical attendance.

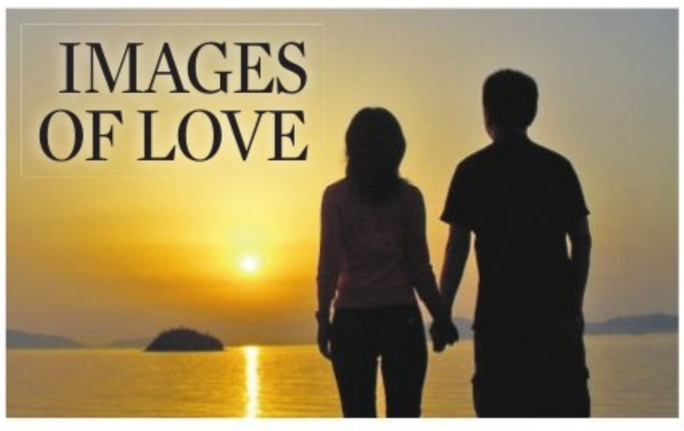
Heads of diplomatic missions from the US, the UK, Germany, France, Switzerland, Japan, Netherlands, and Canada, as well as clergy from various religious communities – Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Bahai, Sikh, Zoroastrian, and Jewish – also lit memorial candles, either physically at the event or over video conference call. The Jewish Rabbi offered a prayer for the souls of those who perished. Consul General of Israel to South India, Jonathan Zadka, said: "We gathered here to commemorate those who were murdered in the Holocaust and also raise awareness of the atrocities that can happen if we, as a community, do not fight hatred and racism. It warms my heart to see the broad attendance from government, diplomatic missions, and clergy, showing that we are all here to fight for a better future together."

In 2005, the UN declared January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops in 1945.

Isreal Consul-General Jonathan Zadka with wife, Hila

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

IMAGES OF LOVE



When you think of love, romantic love that is sensual love, what comes to your mind? Just take a moment to close your eyes, take a deep breath, and let the images come to you. Take your time, don't try to force it or do anything. Just let your mind bring you what it will.

When you feel you have something solid enough, hold that image and maybe even write a few lines about it for yourself before you go further. Sometimes, our minds have a way of playing with us, and what we think we know very clearly disappears within a few moments, like much of the dreams one has in the wee hours before we wake. Though the dreams themselves seem so solid and important while we are dreaming, the moment we wake, they go away and try as we might, we may not be able to remember them. So, don't let your image of love disappear. Spend a few minutes holding it, looking at it, feeling it. Write it down or draw it on paper. Let it become real, so to say.

Once you are done, maybe go get a coffee or something and after 30 minutes or so, come back and look at the images or words that you had put down on your paper. Just sit with it and see how much of that image is about you. Do you find yourself in this idea of romantic, sensual love that you imagined? As you are – whatever age, shape, size that you are in. Did that image of romantic, sensual love include you and keep you in the centre of it all, or was it an imagined scenario, a stylized, abstract version of love that seems to happen with other people and you are not really in the picture at all?

Chances are that the image that you had pictured was the latter – some abstracted version of humanity, people that may not even be based on anyone you really know but through media and cultural tropes. Chances are that you pictured people who are of a certain age only, and probably of a certain kind of body. Chances are that even if you pictured yourself in that image, it would have been an idealized you – maybe a fit, young, lithe version of yourself, with great hair and what not. You would have very likely not pictured the warts and the farts.

Even as we are told by everyone and their monkey that we should aspire to love and be loved, and that love is the greatest thing ever, even more than the much vaunted sliced bread, we are rarely shown how to see ourselves in the picture as the person loving and being loved. If you did keep yourself right there in the middle of it all, chances are that you might get told off for being self-centred or worse.

Having read all this, try again. Draw yourself into the loving picture. Let it happen.

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

MATCHING MATCHING

One look at writer Anita Nair's page on Instagram and you will her love for four-legged furries. Nair recently shared a photograph where she was, coincidentally, colour-co-ordinated with her pet friends surrounding her. She captioned the photograph, "Matching Matching love."

READY FOR FEBRUARY

Looks like actor Hitha Chandrashekar is all set for the month ahead. Taking to social media, Chandrashekar shared a bright and happy photograph with the caption, "Wishing y'all a happy new month. #loveandgratitude"

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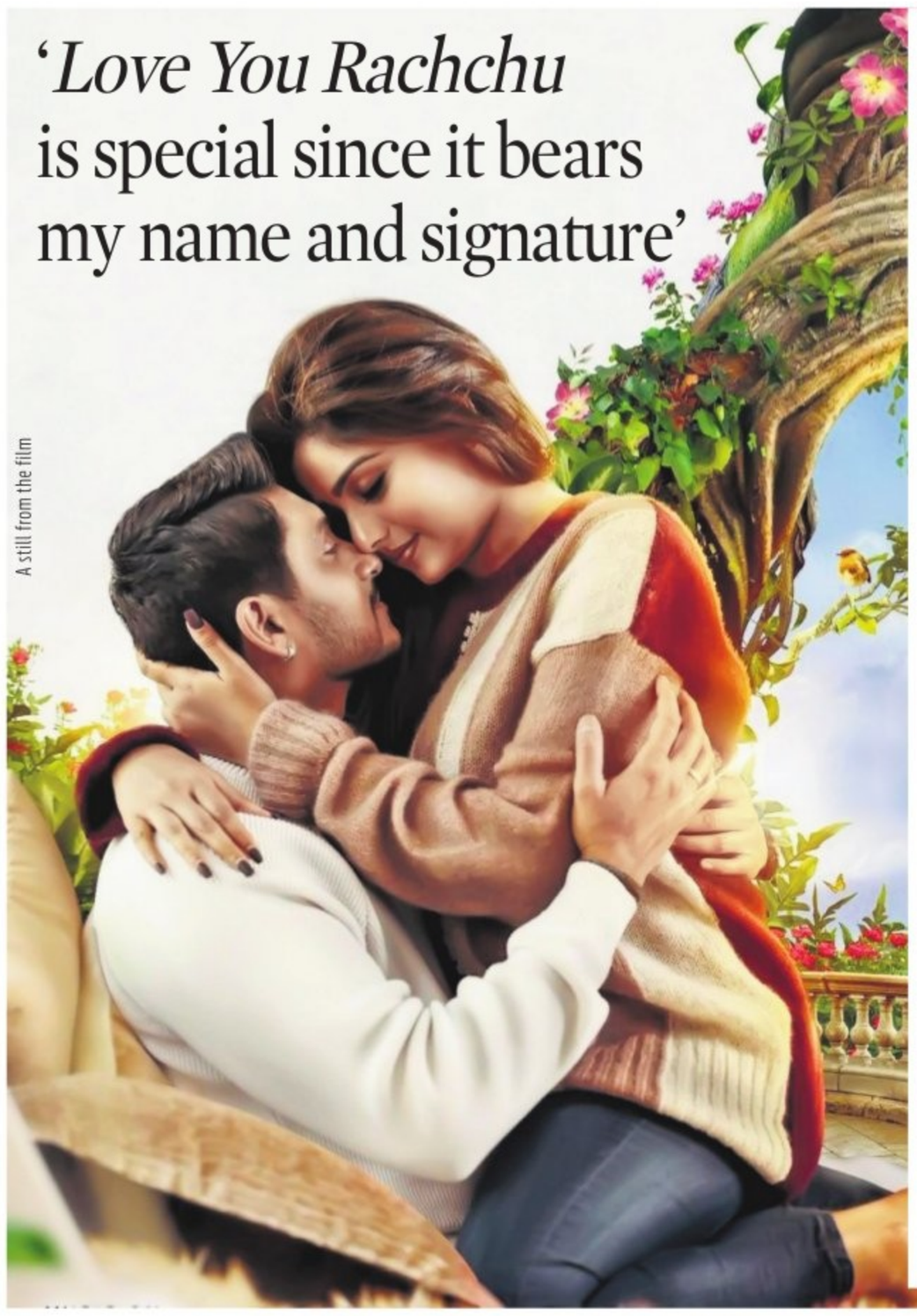


A still from the film

Rachita Ram, who is starring opposite Ajay Rao for the first time, will begin shooting for the romantic drama on Feb. 8 in Sakleshpur

CE FEATURES

RACHITA Ram has a long list of films lined up. For the Dimple Queen, the year began with the shooting of *Veeram*, starring Prajwal Devaraj. She will next be joining the sets of Shankar Raj's debut directorial, *Love You Rachchu*. This is the first time the actor is getting paired opposite Ajai Rao, and she is all set to begin shooting for the film on Feb. 8 in Sakhleshpur.

The romantic drama created a hype with its first look. For Rachita, what makes it more special for her is that the title bears her nickname. "First, the film's title, which has been derived from my name, came as a surprise. Also, the font used in the title *Love You Rachchu* bears resemblance to my signature, making it all the more wonderful," says Rachita. "Director Shashank has penned a beautiful love story and has given me a chance to work with Ajai Rao, as well producer Guru Deshpande, for the first time. I am looking forward to beginning work on the movie," she adds, revealing that she will also begin shooting for Deepak Gangadhar's directorial, starring Krishna, in March.

Love You Rachchu is being produced under the banner of G-Cinemas. It has Manikanth Kadri composing the music.

Jaggesh, Aditi Prabhudeva resume shoot for Vijaya Prasad's *Totapuri*

The director is bringing out this commercial entertainer as a two-part series, and plans to complete the film with the ongoing schedule in Mysuru

Aditi Prabhudeva

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Vijaya Prasad, who just completed the shooting of the Sathish Ninasam and Hariprriya-starrer *Petromax*, has taken no time to resume shooting for another of his projects, *Totapuri*. The filming of the new schedule started in Mysuru on Monday. This is the second time that Jaggesh is getting associated with the director, after *Nærdose*. It is Navarasa Nayaka's first film to resume after the lockdown.

Also a part of the cast is Aditi Prabhudeva, who began the new year with the shooting of S Narayan's *5D*. *Totapuri*, produced by KA Suresh, is going to be a two-part series, and 80 per cent of the shooting has been completed. The makers plan to complete the film in the current schedule.

Totapuri, a commercial entertainer that blends in a philosophical message, has Jaggesh playing the role of a farmer who is devoted to Lord Raghavendra. Aditi Pradhudeva plays a Muslim girl, Shakila Banu. The film also has Dhananjay appearing as a character named Narayan Pillai, and he will be seen sharing the screen space with Suman Ranganath, who will be playing a pivotal role too. *Totapuri's* music has been composed by Anoop Seelin. After *Totapuri*, Jaggesh will be taking up *Rangayaka*, directed by Guruprasad.

Jaggesh

Inspector Avinash: Urvashi wraps first schedule

CE FEATURES

URVASHI Rautela has wrapped up the first schedule of *Inspector Avinash*. The upcoming web series stars Randeep Hooda as real-life super cop Avinash Mishra. Urvashi essays a pivotal character who takes the story forward.

Urvashi was last seen in the comedy-drama *Virgin Bhanupriya*. Her upcoming film is *Black Rose*, a bilingual thriller to be released in Hindi and Telugu. The team reportedly shot the project once the lockdown curbs were lifted.

Recently, the first look of Urvashi's Hindi remake of *Thiruttu Payale 2* was revealed. The actor will also be seen in an international project opposite Egyptian superstar Mohamed Ramadan. The official announcement will be made soon.

The actor took to Instagram to share the update with her followers, she wrote, "That's a wrap of 1st schedule. Last day on set of first schedule of #InspectorAvinash. I get extremely excited when i'm offered a role that demands a lot of homework & preparation. Will miss this incredible crew that I've spent the last few weeks with, my hero #RandeepHooda & my amazing director #NeerajPathak. So special to be at work. #grateful. "

Urvashi Rautela

Lucky to have said 'action and cut' to noted actors in my first film: Director Narasimha

A SHARADHAA

NARASIMHA feels like a really lucky person these days. The director has all geared up to present his debut project, *Inspector Vikram*, and he feels fortunate to have got the chance to bring in his frames noted actors like Prajwal Devaraj, Bhavana and Raghu Mukherjee. "Also, saying 'action and cut' to Challenging Star Darshan, who makes a special appearance, is the icing on the cake," says the debutant director, whose film is slated to be released on Feb. 5. "My first guru was Kashinath, with whom I started working just after I completed my film course, and I bring the experience I gained while working with the legendary filmmaker," says Narasimha, who got the inspiration for penning the story of *Inspector Vikram* from the 1989 Shivarajkumar's film, which bears the same title. He managed to get the cast that he had in mind while writing the story. According to the director, the film is a tailor-made story for Prajwal. "I observed in Prajwal's movies that his humour timing is really good. However, according to me, no director until now has tried to explore the characterisation of Prajwal in a full-fledged role, and I encashed on this," he says.

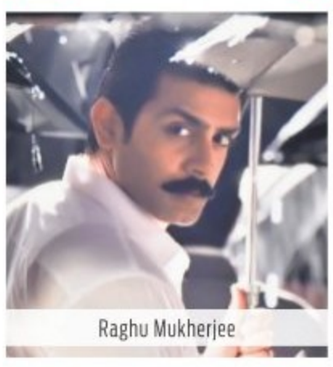
Inspector Vikram features Raghu Mukherjee as an antagonist for the first time. "He is not a regular villain on the screen, and there is a story behind his grey shade," says Narasimha, hinting that the film mostly runs on the lead pair of Prajwal and Bhavana. The action romantic drama is produced by Vikyath VR has music by Anoop Seelin.

Darshan, who will be seen in a special appearance, is playing the role of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh. "He brings in the aura that we see on and off the screen," he adds.

Narasimha says he is satisfied to know that the team is happy with the product. His excitement has doubled with the government permitting 100 percent occupancy. "This news from the government has further boosted my confidence and I can't wait to showcase my film to the Kannada audience," says director.

Darshan

Narasimha



Raghu Mukherjee

The director's debut project, *Inspector Vikram*, starring Prajwal Devaraj, Bhavana, Raghu Mukherjee and Darshan in a special appearance is slated to be released on Feb. 5

Prajwal Devaraj and Bhavana

Anushka Sharma introduces daughter Vamika

CE FEATURES

ANUSHKA Sharma and Virat Kohli have introduced their newborn daughter, Vamika.

Sharing their first picture with Vamika on Instagram, Anushka detailed her emotions of becoming a parent. "We have lived together with love, presence and gratitude as a way of life but this little one, Vamika has taken it to a whole new level! Tears, laughter, worry, bliss - emotions that have been experienced in a span of minutes sometimes! Sleep is elusive but our hearts are SO full. Thanking you all for your wishes, prayers, and good energy," she wrote.

Anushka and Virat welcomed their baby girl on January 11. In a statement, the couple had thanked fans for their love and requested privacy. "We are thrilled to share with you that we have been blessed with a baby girl this afternoon. We thank you all for your love, prayers, and good wishes. Anushka and the baby are both healthy and we are feeling beyond blessed to start this new chapter of our lives. We hope that you can respect our privacy at this time," Virat had posted.

PRIYADARSHAN'S *HUNGAMA 2* SHOOT GETS OVER

CE FEATURES

FILMMAKER Priyadarshan has wrapped up the shoot of his upcoming film, Hungama 2. The film features Paresh Rawal, Shilpa Shetty Kundra, Meezaan Jafri and Pranitha Subhash.

"Even after so many years, Hungama is still fresh in audiences' minds and it was a challenge to ensure *Hungama 2* was even more entertaining than the first installment. But the cast and the entire crew more than lived up to the expectations and I am eagerly waiting to share the film with the audience," Priyadarshan said.

The team had multiple reasons for celebrating the occasion as the filmmaker celebrated his birthday on Saturday.

The cast of *Hungama 2* also includes Ashutosh Rana, Johnny Lever and Tiku Talsania.

Notably, the 2003's *Hungama* starred Akshaye Khanna, Paresh Rawal, and Rimi Sen and was a success.